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RIDERS ON THE STORM

Margate's long association with bank holiday motorcycle madness continued on Monday, but the weather meant the number of bikers who swept into town was far fewer than planned. In the end, the number was nearer the 50 mark, a long way short of the 30,000 that organisers had hoped for. However, the denim- and leather-clad riders who did brave the wet still raised money as part of Jeans For Genes Day for children with genetic disorders. The Margate Meltdow event was organised by Ace Café London, which supports the cause and aims to net £100,000.

One set of figures says it is, but the story is muddled

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE number of people using Margate Library has fallen by 42 per cent compared with this time last year... at least according to one method of measuring visitors.

A Kent County Council headcount of people walking into the library over a two-week period showed that the number had fallen significantly on the previous year's figures.

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Many claim the decline is due to the new
Gateway Plus service, which occupies the lobby of
the library and was installed by Thanet District
Council and KCC earlier this year in a bid to
improve customer services.

It deals with local authority enquiries after the old desk in the main council building next door closed in January.

Michael Child, owner of Michael's Bookshop in Ramsgate, has been keeping a watch on the situation for some time.

situation for some time. He said: "People who work there have told me it's actually worse than that figure. "I was told that when the library first reopened

"I was told that when the library first reopened they were getting about 20 per cent of the people using it than they were before. It appears to be a real issue for concern."

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Greenhouses 'will employ local people'

BY TOM BETTS

WITH construction of the Thanet Earth scheme near Acol well under way, its managing director is assuring people that the vast development will be beneficial for the isle.

The steel skeleton of the first, and biggest, greenhouse is now standing on the site, and the glass is being fit-ted. It covers an area that could contain 15 full-sized football pitches and is expected to produce up to 2,500,000 tomatoes a week.

It is claimed the project will create some 500 jobs, but there is concern among local people that any posts created will go largely to foreign workers.

However, Thanet Earth managing director Steve McVickers told Yourthanet: "These are jobs for the people of Thanet. We need loads of local people to work for us. Hopefully by September we'll be looking. We need forklift drivers, line supervisors and quality controllers as they're the

sort of roles we will take on.

"As a company I feel we are good at taking raw recruits and turning them into people who are useful for the business.

Mr McVickers added that "just a handful" of the employees – such as expert growers – would not be local. Six other huge greenhouses will eventually be hosted at the site and

used to grow vegetables. A large packhouse will also be built.

As to worries that the development will be an eyesore, Mr McVickers said: "Of course you will be able to see it, but I don't think it will be the eyesore people are worried about.

"You can't really see the site looking from Minster. You can see it from Birchington as you drive down and, at the moment, it looks a bit worse than it eventually will because you can see the chalk and it really stands



INSISTENT: Steve McVickers has insisted that Thanet Earth will employ local people

out, but once the topsoil goes back

out, but once the topson goes back on, it will blend back in. "If you go out to the St Nicholas roundabout and look across, the greenhouses aren't that high and blend into the sky because they

reflect the light.

"People will obviously notice the site, but a lot of care is being taken to keep intrusion to a minimum."
Mr McVickers also addressed the

issue of light pollution. It is feared that the area's night skies will be much brighter than before as the growing process requires lights to fill

growing process requires ignits on the tomato greenhouse.

"We can retain 95 per cent of the light we turn on," said Mr McVickers. "We only use lights in the winter. From mid-March to mid-March to mid-March and a said and the October we don't use them at all, and when we do it will not be between

when we do it will not be between dusk and midnight.
"Then, when the lights go on at midnight, the screens go up. For the one greenhouse we will light up, we have deliberately chosen the one that lies at the bottom of the hill."

NEWS IN BRIEF

New club to mark a safer community

A NEW boxing club has been set up.
The Isle of Thanet Amateur Boxing Club is now holding sessions in Ramsgate and Margate.

The fists fly on Monday evenings from 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Ramsgate Sports Centre and at Hartsdown Leisure Centre from 6.30pm-8pm on

Wednesdays and Fridays.

Money to fund the club has come from the Safer Stronger Communities

Fund (SSCF) to offer diversionary activities for young people.

A new portable boxing ring has also been bought.

The club is working with Thanet council's sports development team to apply for Clubmark status, an accreditation scheme identifying high-quality junior sports clubs.

Parents can use Clubmark as an indicator of a well-run club.
Cllr Jo Gideon, cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, health and communities, said: "Providing diversionary activities for young people is a particular aim for the council, the Safer Stronger Communities Fund and the Isle of Thanet Boxing Club provides a friendly and safe atmosphere for young people."

To find out more about the new sessions, phone Neil Leach on 01843 223714.

Westwood Cross to welcome new boss

A NEW man has taken the helm at Westwood Cross shopping and leisure

Broadstairs's own Tom Price has 30 years' retail experience and takes up

years retail experience and taxes up the role of general manager. The former Chatham House Grammar School pupil, now 53, has been selected by Land Securities to head the team and drive forward the next stage of the retail complex development.

He said: "I moved back to Thanet three years ago just when Westwood

Cross was opening.

"As a customer and regular visitor, I have watched it grow and flourish first as a shopping concept and now as a leisure destination with a cine-

ma, casino, bingo and restaurants." He added: "Westwood Cross is firmly established at the heart of the area and I'm delighted to have joined the centre just as it is celebrating its third

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Petrol price hike trend is 'frightening'

Figures indicate 75 per cent annual increase in cost

THE price of petrol in ■BY TOM BETTS Thanet could peak at £8.50 a gallon this time next year if it continues to rise as it has in recent weeks.

That figure has been arrived at under the Broadstairs Petrol Index, a



new price monitoring system coined by the Thanet and East Kent Chamber of Commerce to keep a watch on prices in the

Chief execu-David has tive Foley watchbeen calculator: David Foley the town's

Tesco petrol outlet to get a handle on the inflation rate.

He said: "On May 6 the price of

unleaded petrol at Tesco Broadstairs was 110.9p a litre. Two weeks later the price had risen to 113.9p a litre."

The figure is an increase of 2.7 per cent in just 14 days, much higher than the Government's target for the

annual inflation rate of 2 per cent.

Mr Foley said: "I'm not clever enough to calculate the effect of compound interest at the same rate on a litre of petrol over a year from May 6, 2008, but I can manage the simple sums required to find the final price if a litre continues to rise at the rate

of 3p per fortnight.
"The answer is that by May 6, 2009, a litre of unleaded would cost 189.11p, a rise of 70.5 per cent on the year. That would be £8.59 a gallon – a frightening thought."

He added later: "I'm not saying that's going to happen, but it's the way we are going. At 3p a week it could do."

Mr Foley also says petrol in the area is 2p or 3p a litre more than in Canterbury, the neighbouring district. After looking at the price of supermarket Asda's petrol in the city, he noticed the price is often much

Mr Foley has based his new system on the Mars Bar Index, first used by journalist Nico Colchester.

He said: "That turned out to be a remarkably accurate measure of inflation. It took into account the price of a Mars bar against the price of a car in 1950, and the price of a bar against a car in 1975, 1981 and so on.

"It turned out to be a more reliable and more interesting indicator of your actual buying power. I used that as a model and thought 'Let's see if we can do that with Tesco'.



MP GETS ON HIS BIKE

Thanet South MP Stephen Ladyman has donned his leathers once more to take part in the Thundersprint 2008 motorcycle sprint races.

Dr Ladyman, a bike fan of 40 years, climbed aboard an Alto-Performance machine to compete at the event in Northwich, Cheshire.

He said: "When \boldsymbol{I} was given a chance to ride in this year's event \boldsymbol{I} jumped at it. Taking part gave me another chance to remind today's bikers to save racing for the track.

Volleyball contest comes to beach

FIFTY student teams from across the country will be competing on Margate main sands next weekend during the Beach Volleyball Stu-

dent Championships 2008.

The event is a warm-up for the Volleyball England Beach Tour, in late June, and takes place from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Teams will be competing from universities including Liverpool, Loughborough and University of West of England. The event, hosted by the council, is free for spectators.

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A Ramsgate restaurateur has her eves set on a Michelin star

Tourism brings cash to the isle, but not everyone's impressed

NEW figures have shown the impor-tance of tourism to the isle, but a

tance of tourism to the isle, but a charity with strong connections to the area begs to differ.

Research shows the industry brought £175 million to the isle's economy between 2003 and 2006.

The statistics, from Visit Kent in partnership with local authorities, compared economic markers in the tourism industry over the three-

year period.

Tourism is shown to support more than seven per cent of all jobs in Thanet, with total visitor spending up 17 per cent over the three years.

More than 2.7 million visitors came to Thanet in 2006, with daytrippers spending a total of £72.6 million. A further £12.6 million came from boating fans, second homeowners and residents entertaining visiting friends and family.

Visitors from overseas made the isle the county's second most popular

destination after Canterbury. Cllr Roger Latchford, of Thanet council, said: "This is excellent news

for Thanet, especially the fact that our area is holding its own as one of the most popular destinations in the county.

However, this glowing view of tourism is not shared by the Albany Charity Fund.

The group of licensed taxi drivers use their vehicles to take mentally handicapped children from London

But now they have suspended their 35th annual trip to Margate, saying Thanet council failed to help them organise enough entertain-ment for the children this year.

Chairman Mike Grange said: "It's a shame we're not coming, but we have to be realistic. People I have spoken to down there all agree we have done the right thing as there is nothing to offer the children - they have to be entertained.

"The community in Margate are great – they give us support – but when it comes to the council no one returned my phone calls when we tried to get this all sorted out."



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Cannabis finds double in county

THE number of cannabis plants seized has more than doubled in the last 12 months, according to police.
In 2006/07, fewer than 4,000 plants

were found during police raids, but in the last year the figure rose to 8,350.

The figures are a huge increase on the number found four years ago, when just 735 plants were seized.

Last week police raided two addresses

in one street in Ramsgate. Officers discovered about 200 plants in the first raid and more than 100 in the second.

Police said 32 cannabis factories were closed across the county last year.

But Martin Barnes of DrugScope, a group which analyses the impact of illegal substances, has queried police tactics and their effectiveness.

He said: "I don't think these sort of raids are going to get cannabis off the streets. There's no evidence they are impacting on availability.

Could you adopt a homeless pet?

PET Adoption Week starts on Saturday, June 7, and RSPCA centres will be open for people who want to give an animal a

good home.

TV presenter Kate Humble, who fronts BBC's Animal Park, is encouraging anyone looking for a new pet to pay a visit to one of the charity's centres during the open days which run until Sunday, June 15. Kate recently adopted Badger, a crossbreed terrier.

For an information pack about adopting an animal from the RSPCA, call the PAW phoneline on 0300 123 8484 or find out more at www.rspca.org.uk/paw.

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over night by mystery disease

Seahorse discovered in waters off Kent coast

BY NICK AMES

A SEAHORSE has been discovered off the county's Channel coast for the first time.

The creature was discovered in Shakespeare Bay, close to Dover harbour, at a depth of about 15 metres.

Seahorses have reportedly been washed up on the shoreline before but this is the first time

one has been officially sighted and filmed. Two volunteer divers, Brian Stockwell and Ian Barrie, made the discovery.

The creature was about three inches long and was identified as a short-snouted seahorse – scientific name Hippocampus hippocampus. A creature of the same species has been seen

in the Thames estuary in recent weeks.

Bryony Chapman is a diver and marine officer for Kent Wildlife Trust, which oversees the national Seasearch programme, set up to document undersea life.

She said: "We have had very occasional

reports of seahorses washed up around the Kent coast, but we believe this is the first sighting and the first film of these elusive creatures







RARE: Short-snout seahorse, filmed by Diver Brian Stockwell and Ian Barrie off Shakespeare Bay, above right

in their natural environment in this area. The team is very excited.

Seahorses are classified as fish, despite their unusual appearance. They normally inhabit warm waters and favourite haunts include

coral reefs and mangrove shores.

In a breeding pair it is the male which becomes pregnant. They are threatened primarily due to loss of habitat, but about 35 species have been catalogued.

The smallest is the pygmy seahorse, which is about a quarter of an inch long, while the

Pacific seahorse can grow to about one foot in length. Seahorses feed on small crustaceans and fish, relying on camouflage both to avoid predators and catch their prey.

The creatures are also under threat because

of the beliefs in traditional Chinese medicine that their skin and organs can be used to treat throat infections and heart disease.

The Government has recently announced that both short-snouted and spiny seahorses are to be protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

BUSY FIRST MONTH FOR FLYING FOR



The new police helicopter was used for 25 hours in operations across the county during its first month in action

The aircraft is jointly operated by Kent police and their colleagues in Essex and is available to either force up to 20 hours a day, seven days a

One of its first jobs was in Halsted, Medway. searching for burglary suspects, and it was also used during a Gillingham FC match, where arrests were made.

The crew also gathered photographic evidence of cannabis plants in Ashford and six people were arrested in April when it directed officers on the ground to an illegal hare course meeting.

Ann Barnes, chairman of the Kent Police Authority, said she was pleased the helicopter was proving its worth.

"This extra tool will play a significant role in the coming years and bring big benefits to taxpayers on both sides of the Thames," she said.



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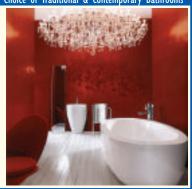
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ENTRANCE EXAM: Maidstone Grammar School is one of 35 grammar schools in Kent which parents can select if their child passes the 11-plus. Now they can choose AFTER they know whether their child has passed the exam.

Relief for parents as 11-plus exam gets moved to September

BY NICK AMES

THE Kent Test is being moved to September to allow parents to apply for secondary schools knowing if their child has passed the exam or not.

The test, the 11-plus, is instrumental in deciding what sort of education is best for a

Until now primary school children have sat the exam in January, with parents getting the result four weeks later, by which time they have already had to apply for schools.

But the change is designed to allow them to select grammar or comprehensive schools knowing the result.

Ed Balls, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, is behind the move, which came after consultations between Kent County Council and parents' groups.

Parents need to register their child for the test between June 2 and July 11 this year.

Kent Test registration forms will be sent to every primary school in the county. and neighbouring authorities and schools will be provided with information to issue to their parents.

The forms can be downloaded from KCC's

ondaryadmissions.

Testing will take place on September 18-19 for children resident in Kent and for out-of-

county pupils the following day.

Parents will be notified of the assessment decision on October 21 and they will have until November 7 to complete the Secondary Common Application Form online or return a hard copy to their child's primary school.

Mark Dance, KCC cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills said: "I welcome the decision by the Secretary of

"We put forward the change of date from January to September so that parents can use their choices wisely and not have to gamble on a grammar or comprehensive place.

"I appreciate the concerns of some families about testing earlier in the new school year. and I would like to reassure those that the tests are standardised against a national sample and results will take account of the child's age at the time of testing.

"Parents would be wise to make every effort to visit a variety of schools to ensure they are able to make an informed choice for their preferred schools before November 7,

Families across the county were asked for their views on moving the date and the majority voted in favour of earlier testing.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bling lovers warned of new police campaign

POLICE have launched a "Too much bling? Give us a ring!" campaign to target people liv-ing on the proceeds of crime.

It calls for people suspicious of someone's living standards and lack of obvious income to contact them.

Launching the campaign at Kent police headquarters in Maidstone, Chief Constable Michael Fuller said: "This campaign is an excellent example of the effective partnership between Kent police and Crimestoppers.
"Working together in this way helps us carry

the fight against crime into the heart of our communities

"The 'Too much bling? Give us a ring!' campaign targets those who live far in excess of their income through the proceeds of crime.
"We are determined to show these criminals

who think they are untouchable that they are totally wrong.

Officers have also placed financial investigators at each of the six police districts in the

British Legion

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More potholes filled as harsh winter takes toll

ROAD workers repaired more than 11,314 potholes during April - following the harsh winter weather

This is 1,000 more than highway chiefs estimated they would have to fix, new figures have revealed.

The vast majority of repairs - 8,394 - were the result of reports from residents and high-

way inspectors.

The rest were done by highway crews

repairing potholes on their own initiative.

Drivers who want to report a pothole should go to www.kent.gov.uk/highways or call 08458 247 800.

Little ships honoured

A REMEMBRANCE service was held in Medway on Sunday to mark the 68th anniversary of the evacuation of Dunkirk.

A fleet of the Little Ships used to ferry

troops across the Channel during the rescue mission in May 1940 sailed into Chatham docks on Saturday and stayed until Monday.

A Medway council spokeswoman said the visit was to commemorate Operation Dynamo, in which 385,000 British and Allied troops were rescued from German troops.

The flotilla of Little Ships set sail from Sheerness and Ramsgate to cross the

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service in the English Channel. During Operation Dynamo, evacuating British servicemen from Dunkirk, MTB 102 became the Admiral's operation flagship after his British destroyer was damaged

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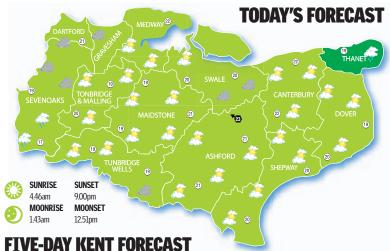


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'Difficult to count visitor numbers

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

In a recent letter to Yourthanet, Trevor Shonk, the UK Independence Party's candidate for Thanet South, berated Gateway Plus. He wrote: "People want a library, not a bloomin' TDC office!"

When figures from a two-week period in April were compared with those from last year, a drop-off of 42 per cent was recorded.

A KCC spokesman let slip the figure to Yourthanet last week before another set of statistics, showing the figures in a more posi-

tive light, were sent to us. Earlier the spokesman had said: "They have dropped by 42 per cent when compared with the same period in April last year and now we

have to look at why that is.
"The first part of that will be a mailshot to those customers who don't seem to have returned to find out why they are not using it. "I can confirm the figures have dropped by

what is obviously a big number."

However, the county authority seems to be confused about the situation and has since said the initial figure was "inaccurate". Mike Hill, KCC cabinet member for commu-nity services, said book issues at the library

were up 2.96 per cent during March and April, with children's book issues up 27.8 per cent.

With children's book issues up 27.8 per cent. He also said that during the same period, 68.9 per cent more people joined the library than in these months in 2007. However, he added: "It's difficult to count the

number of visitors to individual services.

"We've been trying to find an accurate way as we are required to report this figure annually to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. Various methods have been trialled, including one which appeared to show a significant decrease in visits.

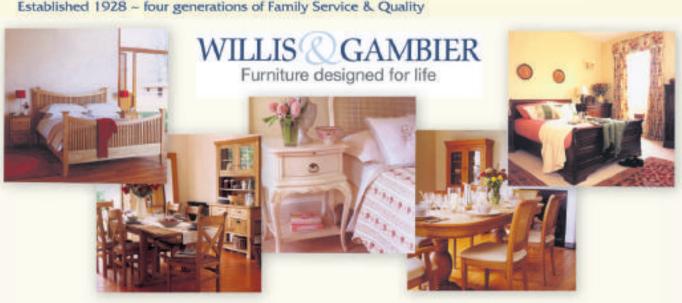
"Given the increase in book issues, and other

evidence which we are collecting locally, we are quite confident this figure is inaccurate. We are exploring different ways to calculate the number of visitors to the library."

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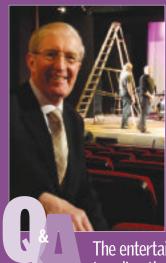


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Our ancestors – the Vikings – landed here, Christianity was brought here with the landing of St Augustine, we had the world's first international hoverport. Who wouldn't love a place like this?

Mhat attracted you to the world of entertainment?

The world of entertainment is a fantasy world where you can forget all your troubles and escape to wherever you want. My first involvement was in the Cubs in Ramsgate when we staged a couple of short plays to our parents in the Scouts hut.

In my adult life I was a Scout leader for over 20 years, during which I staged several Gang Shows and the odd pantomime. I then set up the Starlite Entertainers Productions in 1982 – since then we have staged more than 350 theatre shows and raised more than £135,000 for charities and good causes.

What do you see for the future of the Granville Theatre?

Our team of seven directors who took over the Granville Theatre on May 1, 2007, had the idea that we would eventually stage live theatre in Ramsgate for 52 weeks a year while still keeping the Number One Screen showing the latest films. If there was no show on stage, it would be two screens.

During our first year we have staged more than 30 shows, including 31 performances of our pantomime and 20 performances of our summer show, The Wizard of Oz.

We are well on our way with our second year programme, with some even more ambitious shows for the future.

Do you enjoy your job?

I have done amateur theatre for most of my adult life as a hobby – to turn one's hobby into a job in my autumn years is the greatest wish one could have. I work really long hours at the Granville, but I love every minute.

Do you ever tread the boards yourself?

My first show was at the age of eight and I am still treading the boards 56 years later. The 350-plus shows mentioned earlier I produced, directed and compered myself. My Starlite Shows are traditional seaside family variety shows and include all forms of entertainment and all ages.

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As well as these, I do an illustrated Nostalgia Show on Old Ramsgate – A Trip Down Memory Lane at venues across the isle. I do about 35 of these a year.

Where do you see yourself in five years' time?

If my health keeps up, I will still be doing the same. If you enjoy what you are, why retire? I will of course find time for my grandchildren, too.

What other interests and hobbies do you have?

My interests are local history, the theatre, local events. I am chairman of the Ramsgate and Broadstairs Sea Cadets and I have put together an Old Ramsgate Museum which is based at the Granville Theatre.

What keeps you in Thanet?

While in the RAF I lived in Germany for two and a half years and in Cyprus for three years, so that adds up to a long time in foreign parts. I have been at four bases in the UK – I've done that and got the T-shirt. I love my town so much.

When time permits on a summer's day or in the winter, a stroll around the Royal harbour, or along the cliff-tops to Pegwell or Broadstairs. What else do you need? Nothing.

Who would want to leave Thanet? I was named Mr Ramsgate by the mayor of the day, Cllr Charles Goldsmith, back in the mid to early 90s – where else could you live with a name like that? As Vincent Van Gogh once wrote: "If you should love no one – love the town in which you dwell."

The entertainments manager at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate talks to reporter **Tom Betts** about treading the boards, having dramatically good fun on the job and loving the town in which he lives

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Solace for Bond fans

Author Ian Fleming would have been 100 years old today but he died on August 12, 1964, in hospital in Canterbury, following a heart attack suffered on Sandwich Golf Course. Most famous as the writer of 12 novels and nine short stories featuring super spy James Bond, he also wrote the children's classic Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. He lived for some time at a house in St Margaret's Bay which he bought from his friend Noel Coward, before moving to Jamaica when the money from the Bond books started flowing.

BY NICK AMES

BOND fans can celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of his creator Ian Fleming by visiting the landmarks in Kent which provided the backdrop to his novels.

The author, born 100 years ago today, lived for many years in St Margaret's Bay and used locations across the county for scenes in his cherished secret agent books.

To mark his centenary his fans can embark on their own 007-style adventure exploring the settings James Bond battled villains including Sir Hugo Drax, Goldfinger and

Instead of outer space – as in the film – the White Cliffs of Dover was the base of Drax in Moonraker, while Charing Hill was the scene of a car chase rather than Venice in the movie - where Roger Moore raised an eyebrow in a gondola.

Also in the novel 007 is busy negotiating "the bottlenecks of Ashford and Maidstone" in the only story set entirely in the UK – actual-

ly just Kent and London.

Villainous Goldfinger had his base in Thanet in the book - and most famously Bond took him on at golf at Royal St George's near Sandwich.

Fleming kept the description of "the great-



LEGEND LIVES ON: Daniel Craig and Gemma Arterton in the latest Bond film Quantum of Solace





MOST FAMOUS: Ian Fleming lived in a red-tiled house on the cliffs at St Margaret's Bay and he loved to play golf at Royal St George's near Sandwich

est seaside golf course in the world" but for some reason changed its name to Royal St

The secret agent with a licence to kill arrives in Kent from London "through the

dainty teleworld of Herne Bay" as he has a silent prayer to the US pilots then based at Manston to be careful with their nuclear

The village of Pett Bottom in east Kent is mentioned as the childhood home of 007 in an obituary written by secret service chief M in You Only Live Twice – when he thinks the

agent is dead.

It reads: ".... the youth came under the guardianship of an aunt, since deceased, Miss Charmian Bond, and went to live with her at the quaintly-named hamlet of Pett Bottom

near Canterbury in Kent.
"There, in a small cottage hard by the attractive Duck Inn, his aunt, who must have been a most erudite and accomplished lady, completed his education for an English public school...

The Duck Inn exists and was Fleming's local for a while and he wrote some of You Only Live Twice, which involves ninjas, arch villain Blofeld and a castle of death, while in the pub.

Fleming lived for a time in the village of Bekesbourne nearby but his most famous home in Kent was at St Margaret's Bay, where the red-tiled house he bought from Noel Coward can still be seen half way up a cliff. It is not open to the public.



Vintage book for 100th year

A NEW Bond novel, written in the style of Ian Fleming by top writer Sebastian Faulks, is out today to commemorate the centenary of the 007 creator.

Devil May Care is being hailed as the closest thing to vintage Fleming ever writ-ten and is set during the Cold War. Agent 007 has recently lost his wife and is portrayed as an older man than the cen-

tral character in classics Moonraker or Casino Royale. such as

He is investigating a series of events sur-rounding the smuggling of opium in a num-

ber of glamorous locations.

Mr Faulks has often spoken of his admiration for Ian Fleming.

"The writing was very clear, swift journalistic," he said. "I liked the elegance of the style as well as a certain playfulness – not the heavy camp groaning jokes of the Roger Moore films, but the feeling that Fleming occasionally winks at you and isn't taking it all too seriously.

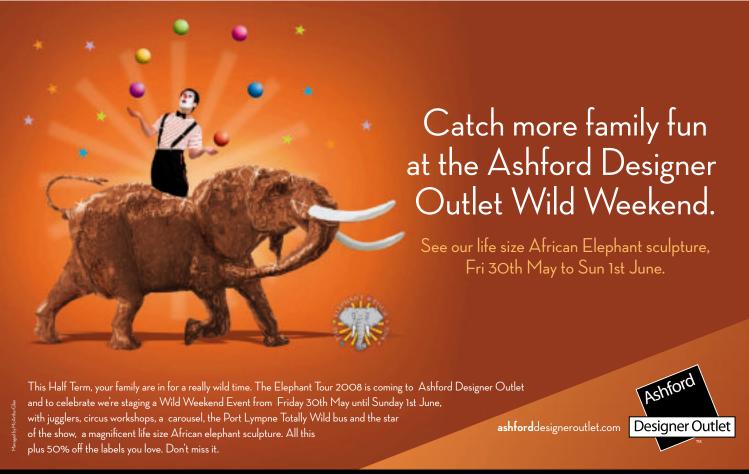
"In his house in Jamaica Ian Fleming used to write a thousand words in the morning, then go snorkelling, have a cocktail, lunch on the terrace, more diving, another thousand words in late afternoon, then more Martinis and glamorous women.

"In my house in London I followed this routine exactly, apart from the cocktails, the lunch and the snorkelling."









Wash your hands and you will make life safer



PART TO PLAY: Barrie Collins, director of infection control at West Kent Primary Care Trust, says patients and visitors are part of the fight against superbugs

BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE head of an NHS trust's team of superbug-busting experts has revealed the priorities for managing killer infections in the primary care setting.

Fighting superbugs such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile in acute hospitals has been widely publicised, especially in the wake of the health watchdog's report into two C diff outbreaks at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

But these healthcare associated infections can also strike in the primary care environment of community hospitals, care homes for the elderly and disabled, GP surgeries and other healthcare

Barrie Collins, West Kent Primary Care Trust's (PCT) director of infection prevention and control,

said: "Everyone has a part to play.
"It is not just the professionals but patients themselves and visitors are all a part of the picture in preventing infection."

Techniques

KOS Media's Clean Safe and Healthy campaign has seen the award-winning publishers join forces with the NHS across Kent to promote hand

hygiene to help tackle superbugs.

Mr Collins and his team at the PCT have been running a series of roadshows to spread the sim-ple message WASH YOUR HANDS and help peo-ple find out more about healthcare associated infections

More than 200 people turned up to an event in Gravesend and another big crowd was expected at today's show in Dartford.

Mr Collins, who is also director of nursing at the trust, said: "GPs, practice nurses, care homes and community hospitals use standard infection

control and prevention techniques.
"The most important is washing hands and



using alcohol gel.

"People should wash them at home, especially

before eating and preparing food.
"Check your healthcare professional has washed their hands first, if you've been sick or had diarrhoea do not visit loved ones and follow doctor's

instructions about antibiotics."

He said his team at the PCT has been using epidemiology, which is the study of how disease occurs in different groups and why, in order to plan how infections could occur and how to fight them in the future.

This includes surveillance of bugs that are emerging as possible threats, he said.

GRE (glycopeptide-resistant enterococci), which

can cause urinary tract, blood stream and wound infections, is among the bacterium Mr Collins is "keeping an eye on".

The number of infections of GRE in the PCT's area remains low but board members are kept up to date monthly on such emerging infections, he said.

Steno (stronotrophomonas maltophilia) is another such infection. In the six months up to March this year Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust reported six cases and a similar number were found at the Maidstone trust.

The bacterium can pose a threat if it sticks to medical equipment, such as catheters, and grows into a biofilm which can enter patient's blood stream or lungs.

Pressure for homes from new migrants

TOWNS in the county will have to squeeze in thousands more homes for migrants in the coming years, according to

Government predictions say 36,000 people will arrive in the South East needing accommodation each resource to 2020 dation each year up to 2029.

The figure covers Kent, Sussex and parts of Essex and was released by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

It is a revised estimate after initial calculations made four years ago were viewed as too low.

Impact

The study also concludes that the South East will be a more likely destination than London for newcomers, as there will be more work avail-able for the unskilled in areas such as agriculture, especially

in the summer months.

Sir Andrew Green, of the Migrationwatch group which monitors newcomers to the UK, said: "This underlines the massive impact immigration is having throughout the country.

"The effect of immigration on housing demand is an aspect which the Government does its best to play down."

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PRIZE GUYS: Chatham House Grammar School debating champions are Mann's house

A winning way with words takes the cup

ISSUES as wide-ranging as abortion, ID cards and US President George W Bush were the subject of lively debate at a recent competition.

Senior pupils at Chatham House Grammar School in Ramsgate were contesting the Curzon Picture public speaking competition.

The judging panel for the annual interhouse event were former pupils Philip Rowley, of Bond Josephs Solicitors, and James Harvey, from the Crown Prosecution Service.

The topics included: men should have equal say in the decision to abort a child; President Bush has done more good than bad; mandatory ID cards will greatly benefit society; and religion asks too much of man.

Head teacher John Mathews said: "The art of communication and confidence in public debate are essential skills for our pupils to learn. They did extremely well in the pressure situation of performing in front of their peers. The issues were debated thoughtfully, enthusiastically and with skill."

The debate was won by Mann's house, with John Coverdale of Pearce's house being named best speaker.

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A fond farewell to Miss and Sir

BY TOM BETTS

A NORWEGIAN pupil has hailed her time at a Thanet school as "fantastic."

Ingrid Endal spent a year studying in the sixth form at Chatham House Grammar

School, Ramsgate.
She said: "To take a year out and go to school in England was a big decision for me to make.

"I was excited to see how another culture worked and especially to see what the English school was like.

"I chose Chatham House because of the traditions and values the school promotes.

"I am very glad I took this year abroad because of the warm welcome I was shown by other pupils and the friends I have made have contributed to it being a good experi-

The 18-year-old from Gjovik, southern

Norway, is now on study leave before sitting AS-levels at Chatham House. She is taking exams in media studies, art,

film studies and general studies.

"People have asked me what I prefer, but I still can't really say what I think is best,'

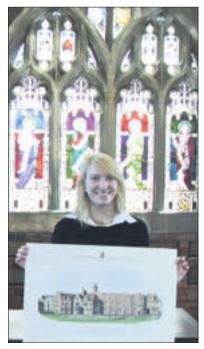
Ingrid said.
"The two school systems are very different. Here I've experienced a more formal school life than I'm used to, with the dress code and having to refer to teachers as Miss and Sir.

"I enjoyed my subjects here and I really appreciate that you get such a wide choice in the sixth form that you're sure to get the A-levels you want."

Head teacher John Mathews said: "Ingrid settled in very well and soon became part of our sixth form.

"It has been delightful having Ingrid around the place and she takes with her our warmest wishes for the future.

"She has forged strong links with the school and I am sure she'll keep in touch and let us know how she's getting on."



PARTING GIFT: Norwegian pupil Ingrid Endal has enjoyed her year at Ramsgate's Chatham House Grammar School

Investment pays off at modernised village primary school

IT'S celebration time at Monkton Church of England Primary School.

Pupils, staff, governors and friends have welcomed the official opening of their new £1 million extension.

The original school was built in 1872 and under this project it has been extended and

The fabulous new building features four classrooms, library, offices, meeting room, staff room, kitchen and a school hall.

An ICT suite full of hi-tech equipment will

also provide pupils with the latest equipment for their studies. Head teacher Janet Graham hailed the building as great news for the

school's future. She said: "The governors, staff, children and parents are delighted with the investment that Kent County Council has put

into our village school.

"We are benefiting from the extra space, especially the school hall. We are now developing the school grounds to provide outdoor areas for teaching and learning.
"It's a modernisation rather than a complete

rebuild - and it is lovely. This no longer means we have to go over the road to use a village hall we have to go over the road to use a vinage han three or four times a day and now have every-thing on site with more space. We are all absolutely delighted."

Her view was echoed by Mark Dance, KCC's

cabinet member for education. He said: "The new classrooms will provide an excellent environment for education and I'm sure the teachers and pupils will benefit."

It is more good news for the school after its

successful 2007 Ofsted inspection.
Ofsted inspector Carole Skinner stated:

"Monkton is a good school with a number of outstanding features.

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Tory councillor Simon Moore asks whether shops have a moral obligation to uniformly price staple goods



Cheap booze says more about society than stores which sell it

FIRSTLY, a quick 'Thank you' to whoever lobbed an unopened can of Fosters into my garden on bank holiday Sunday.

It was a warm afternoon and I didn't have any of the 'amber nectar' of my own on ice, so the litre can that sailed out of the window of a passing car came as a welcome surprise.

I've been following up a local newspaper story involving a reported disparity – as much as 10 per cent – in the price of some staple goods between the Somerfield stores in Westgate, Margate and Birchington.

In an earlier column, I commented on the remarkably competitive price of lager one week as part of a store promotion, but what really interested me was the relative pricing between towns of butter, bread, milk and sugar.

I should add that Somerfield has been extremely helpful, with a spokesman pointing out "We charge slightly more for some products in smaller stores where we face proportionately higher operating costs", and Westgate is the smallest of the three local stores.

However, one Birchington resident I spoke

with observed that competition from the Co-op may be a factor leading to lower prices there.

What makes me uncomfortable from a moral, rather than a commercial perspective, is an impression that 'booze is cheaper than butter' at a time in our history when the opposite should be true.

I understand Somerfield's argument that

I understand Somerfield's argument that "We will have many promotions which are uniformly priced across different-sized stores", but in Thanet lager moves off the shelves pretty rapidly in all the supermarkets I've shopped in.

It appears to be a vigorous, high-volume, low-margin exercise, where — like all 'community-focused retailers'—the responsibility relating to alcohol sales "is taken incredibly seriously".

Like oil and energy, the prices of staple foods are rising worryingly fast and, regardless of new legislation in the April budget, beer is still markedly cheaper than bottled water.

Two different impressions symptomatic of a troubled Britain caught my attention last week. The first took place when a lady ahead of me in the supermarket queue had her

credit card declined and had to leave the store without her groceries.

The second involved one of our local 'recover-

The second involved one of our local 'recovering' alcoholics shopping for his daily wine. Elderly, unshaven and with the faded stains of vomit streaking his shabby overcoat, he and many like him, increasingly cared for in the community, can be found passing the day on their favourite benches, come rain or shine.

A dozen six-packs of lager take up consider-

A dozen six-packs of lager take up considerable store space and the question I ask myself is whether supermarkets, with their impressive profits, have any moral duty to the community in which they operate to maintain a uniform pricing among staple goods.

uniform pricing among staple goods.

This might be achieved by a change in priority of their inventory. But like indulging in the fantasy of cheap fuel or even cheap electricity. I'm being naive because beer moves off the shelves faster than butter, or at least appears to in Thanet, and one can't blame supermarkets for taking a purely commercial view.

And if a litre of milk costs more than a can of

And if a litre of milk costs more than a can of the amber nectar, then perhaps it tells us more about our society and its values than the profit motives of supermarkets.

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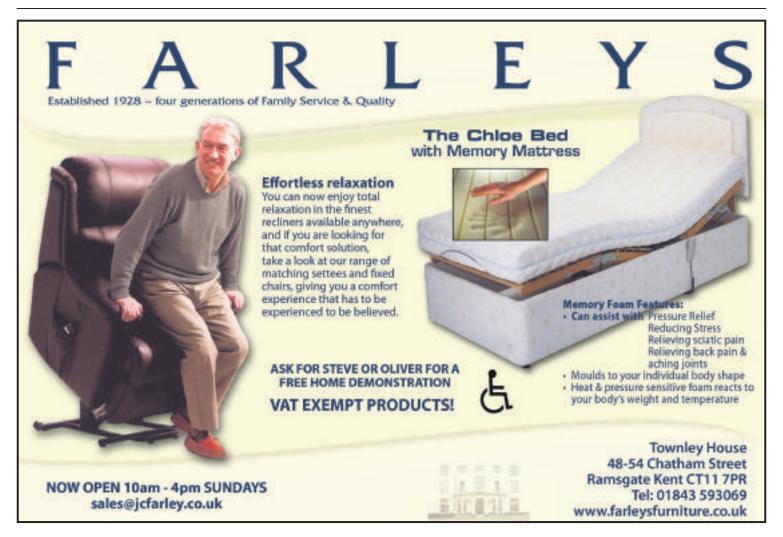
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TALK TIME

BERNARD LAROCHE

The 74-year-old retired typesetter from Birchington talks about making the most of an active life



You lost your son Andre earlier this year has that been hard to come to terms with? Yes, and I think it's probably what brought on my last stroke - it plays on your mind. To lose a child is devastating. You think to yourself "Why am I still here?" while I lose a son who wasn't even ill at 41. I don't think I'll ever get over it. People have been very kind, though, saying how sorry they were to hear about it.

You've suffered a series of strokes.

How has that affected your life? I find it hard to walk and my speech has changed a bit. It's been difficult. Ordinary things like picking something up off the floor have become very hard. I'm fighting against it so much, though. It hasn't affected my thinking, but it's just like my brain's not on broadband any more and it takes a few seconds to get going. While I'm here I'm trying to do as much as I can with the time I have left and remain active in local politics. I'm also organising a talent competition, Birchington's Got Talent

What are your other projects?

I'm working on a book about the history of Birchington. I'm calling it A History of Birchington And Round The Edges.

What do you see for Birchington's future?

I want to see it maintain status as the largest village in Thanet and not lose its rustic look. It's a lovely place and should be looked after.

YOUR LETTERS

TDC'S contempt for its voters

ONE of the reasons Thanet District Council is regarded with such suspicion is its inability to be honest with its own electorate.

It acts as if it has something to hide even when perhaps it hasn't. It's an institutional malaise that infects every decision it makes and leads us to assume the worst.

The district council in its submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in December 2006 fully accepted the people of Ramsgate had, through the November 2006 referendum overwhelmingly expressed their

wish for a parish council. Why, therefore, has TDC singularly failed to keep the unparished electors of Ramsgate regularly informed of the progress of the application? At the least it is bad manners.

It only demonstrates what I have always believed: the council has nothing but contempt for its own electors.

TDC must now place before the people of Ramsgate its proposals for the parish council and confirm elections for May 2008.

In the meantime, Ramsgate First is exploring other ways to make Thanet District Council more accountable, to Ramsgate and to Thanet as a whole.

Gerry O'Donnell Ramsuate First

Sentences are a complete joke

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Wise, Thanet council's cabinet member for finance, think he's kidding when he insists the courts are cracking down hard on benefit cheats?

"Benefit fraud is not a victimless crime... it takes from every single council tax-payer..

the sentences for it can be severe, as this case proves," he blustered in a Yourthanet story about a couple who swindled the system out of more than £20,000. Rubbish, Cllr Not So Wise

The so-called punishment meted out follows a depressingly familar pattern.

For their crime, the pair were given suspended prison sentences, told to repay just under £2,000 – at a rate of £30 a month – and ordered to complete

180 hours' community work. Big deal! I hear the distinct sound of wrists being slapped. These people made a conscious, fraudulent decision to claim money to which they were not entitled and, in effect, enjoyed a

'profit' of £18,000. According to Cllr Not So Wise, the courts are "getting increasingly tough on benefit fraudsters"

This case proves just the opposite. The problem with the judiciary is that, contrary to the expectations of the silent, hardpressed majority in this benighted land, it far too often adopts a wishy-washy, bleedingheart attitude towards those who see nothing wrong in leeching off

Only when we are able to accept that criminal actions are attracting the appropriate levels of punishment will we take seriously the likes of Cllr Not So

Nigel Munson

Lack of respect was outrageous

I REFER to the AGM of Thanet District Council on May 8, where I attended as an independent observer from the public gallery. I was disgusted by the

behaviour of Cllrs Clive Hart and

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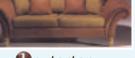
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81 Pegwell Road Pegwell Village, Ra Tel: 01843 599590 www.pegwellbayhotel.co.uk John Watkins. The verbal abuse they directed towards the leader

was appalling.
The lack of respect shown to the chairman by many members of the Labour Party was outrageous. I always understood that the office was respected; the incumbent is almost an irrelevance. If anything has brought TDC into disrepute, it was the performance we were

subjected to that night.
As an Independent parish councillor, I was horrified. If I ever decided to join a mainstream political party, I now know which one it would not be.

This entire experience made me very angry at the kind of message being sent out, tarring Thanet councillors with this childish spiteful and petty behaviour.

All elected representatives should be concerned with the issues that affect the lives of the electorate and

be trying to improve them.

I believe one should attack the policies, not the person.

This performance merely illustrates that the Labour Party is now so far on the back foot because it has no policies and therefore resorts to character assassination

Cllr John Worrow Birchington

Yet more proof of resort's terrible state

HOW many insults will it take before the Conservative administrations at Thanet District Council and Kent County Council act in relation to the desperate situation Margate finds itself in as an ailing family tourist destination?
Following scathing comments about the town from Bob Geldoff and Tracey Emin, the Albany Taxi charity is now blaming Thanet District Council's lack of support for its decision to abandon Margate as the destination for what would have been its 36th trip, bringing hundreds of disadvantaged youngsters to the town.

The annual event has been a morale-booster both for the children and local people, and now even this tiny ray of hope has disappeared.

Many seaside towns are struggling and most problems are common to all, but the past five vears have seen an accelerated decline in the fortunes of Margate compared with other areas and the Conservative administrations at TDC and KCC have to accept a large slice of the responsibility.

Much has been made of the wasted millions on the Turner project, but even more appalling for Thanet is the wasted years.

Margate has been on the edge of extinction as a seaside resort for far too long and it truly breaks my heart when time after time so many things continue to be mismanaged.

The authorities have wasted millions when just a few hundred well-directed pounds could have saved Margate's long-established and hard-earned reputation for generosity and hospitality.

. Cllr Clive Hart Labour councillor (TDC and KCC)

Council would have to be self-funded

THE only way Ramsgate should have a town council is if it is selffunded. It should no longer draw any money from Thanet council.

That goes for all local councils. You either have one or the other: no Thanet council or no town councils.

The record of both in this area is bad. Thanet council has already wasted £41,000 on a Ramsgate council – money that would have been better spent on a proper library for the people of Thanet. The future Ramsgate councillors

should have funded the referendum themselves instead of bleeding the rest of Thanet.

Adrian Ottley

Airport survey was not fairly balanced

I WAS disappointed to see that the Yourthanet item entitled 'Join the debate on Kent International Airport' only gave people the option to give answers that were pro the airport, which is likely to result in

very misleading results.

If you are going to headline an article in such a way, how about hosting a real debate, with the chance to comment on both positives and negatives of the airport?

As a publication claiming to be Yourthanet, I would hope a balanced view could be put forward respecting the views of all the people of Thanet.

Expanding capacity at Manston airport will only increase noise and air pollution in Thanet. Not only will this blight the lives of the people of Thanet, but it will dissuade visitors

from returning.
The drone of planes is not conducive to a relaxing holiday, no matter how beautiful the beaches

Nicholas Hillier





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That's mag

Paul Daniels joins variety show

MAGIC seems to be enjoying a comeback, but Paul Daniels has little time for the new breed of magicians.

In fact he believes entertainers, such as enigmatic David Blaine, have added very little to the genre.

"It's not different," he said. "There's this myth that if you wear different gear, you're cool. If you go back 45 years, I had long hair and wore black. A new generation grew up and they think they're being different. My mum

think they're being different. My mum is wearing shoes she bought 40 years ago and now they're back in fashion." Having presented his own BBC magic show for 15 years and enjoyed successful live career to date, Daniels is looking forward to joining the lineup of the Best of British Variety Tour. For him it will be a walcome extract to For him it will be a welcome return to the old days of variety.

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"When my aunty was in show business, they would work with lots of different acts," he said. "When this job came in I immediately said 'yes'. Last week I met a few of the other performers and we spent two days laughing. They're all professionals, yet for years on TV we've seen amateurs performing badly and Simon Cowell slagging them off. What's all that about?"

Daniels, 70, certainly started to learn his craft early. He was born in South Bank, Cleveland, and already had the theatre in his blood as his parents owned the local Hippodrome. The discovery of a book about party tricks at the age of 11 introduced him to magic and he never looked back.

Fate intervened when he landed a summer season in Newquay in 1969, resulting in Daniels achieving his childhood dream of becoming a professional magician. He had already established a busy live schedule in the UK and abroad when he was asked to appear on Granada TV, launching his television career.

The Paul Daniels Magic Show became a staple of the BBC's entertainment programming from 1979 to

The Faul Daniels Magic Show became a staple of the BBC's enter-tainment programming from 1979 to 1994 and also branching out into game shows and children's TV. But old-school variety shows appeared to become unfashionable.

No longer being a primetime television entertainer has advantages, as Daniels has found. These include the freedom to accept long-term contracts abroad and spend his time on stage,

abroad and spend his time on stage, where he is most relaxed.

Daniels has however appeared on a number of reality shows including Celebrity Big Brother, The Farm and X Factor, Battle of the Stars, in which Daniels and his wife – 'the lovely Debbie McGee' – were voted off first.

"My job in showbiz is to cover as wast a range of it as I can," he said. "People forget I have to make a living."

To book tickets or for more details call 0844 8471726 or 0871 2200260.





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LEE EVANS Monday, June 30 The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

COMIC Lee Evans is set to embark on a major stadium tour – but he will be making a more intimate appearance when he comes to Kent for a

warm-up gig. With a total of 300,000 tickets available, this current jaunt will be not only be Lee's largest tour to date but will make history by including the first comedy gig at London's O2 Arena.

The manic hyperactive

comedian has been a hit with TV audiences but his best work remains on the stage where his energy and deliv-ery are renowned across the



He said: "I'm really keen to get back out on tour again and go all around the coun-

"You get such a buzz from the reacthe live audience, the reac-tions are just so immediate and totally spur you on. There's nothing else quite like it.

"Being the first comedian to play at the O2 Arena will be amazing.
"I'm so excited to be able to

perform - sure there is a big space to fill but I love a chal-

Tickets for Lee's Canterbury appearance are on sale now priced £27.50 but are selling fast.

To book, phone the box office on 01227 787787, or log



FUSE FESTIVAL Saturday May 31 for two weeks until June 14 Various locations around Medway

STREET performers will hit Medway's high streets on Saturday as the 15-day Fuse

Festival gets under way.

A variety of theatre troupes, cabaret acts, dance groups and musicians have been lined up to perform during the extravaganza, which runs until Saturday, June 14.

Festival manager Kate Hazel said this year's Fuse line-up would give young-

sters and adults alike the chance to get more involved than ever. She said: "We will be running as many creative workshops as possible.

"We want to give people the opportunity to get their hands dirty and learn some of the basics behind the per-

Throughout the festival Medway's open spaces will buzz with the sights and sounds of some of the newest and most unusual performers from across the region.

Community services boss councillor Howard Doe welcomed the festival's return, saying the event's daring and diverse ethos was great for the area.

He said: "The area's recent

cultural heritage is rich with great artists, writers and live performers and Medway Council is committed to supporting new and developing creative communities locally, as well as bringing in great acts from outside.

"It all adds up to two weeks of fantastic entertainment for Medway.'

Following the success of last year's pricing structure, ticket will be subsidised, with many free events.

LETZ ZEP Saturday, June 14

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



ROCK heavyweights Led Zeppelin continue to be one of the most popular bands around, as their recent reunion show demonstrated.

And for those who couldn't get to the London shows the next best thing is available at Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall.

Letz Zep were once on the receiving end of the ultimate complement from Zep front man Robert Plant, who said in an interview "I walked in, I saw me" when he first saw the tribute band in action. The group were also asked to do a show at the launch of the recent Led Zeppelin compilation cd Mothership.

A spokesman for the band said: "Letz Zep is not an exercise in nostalgia, but a heart rendering shout against mediocrity and forgetfulness, faithfully recreating the sights and

sounds of the band at their awesome best. "From the classics Stairway to Heaven and Rock and Roll to the gentle Going to California and the haunting Kashmir a show by Letz Zep portrays the entire scope of the music of Led Zeppelin – who remain the most influential and iconic rock band of all time.'
Tickets for the show are priced £17.50.



THANET LETSURE

American-style show will be full of variety

CROSS the Atlantic with an American

entertainment evening.
On June 17-18, St Peter's Player's will present US in the US a variety show with an American theme with songs dances and sketches

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Gain access to Darker Corners and a lot more

MARGATE-based band Moonshot release their new album in the coming

The band combine dark urban beats with pop melodies to create songs which are challenging but at the same time

Influences include Pet Shop Boys, Massive Attack, Depeche Mode and Portishead as well as Pink Floyd. The new album will be available this

autumn. An EP, Darker Corners is available to download now.

You'd be no fool to go crazy for live music

LOCAL favourite band The Crazy Train will be taking to the stage at the Bradstow in Broadstairs on Saturday

June 14.
Usual lead singer Cro is unavailable so he has a replacement in the form of Justin Smithers of the Fool Fighters – Thanet's Foo Fighters tribute band.

Justin has fronted Crazy Train on many occasions previously and is a great friend of the rest of the group – as well as popular with its following.

Art and museums: it's all about relationships

THE relationship between an artist and a museum is the subject of a discussion to take place at the Turner Contemporary Project Space tomorrow, Thursday.

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Top speciality at the moment is a steak and ale pie – homemade with hand-drawn real ale, it includes fresh cuts of tender meat with a puff pastry lid and is served with fresh vegetables and new potatoes. Alan Moore runs the businesses. He said:

"The main thing about making sure a restaurant is successful is establishing an interaction between staff and customers the moment they step foot through the door.

"Also provide a variety of hearty, home-

cooked dishes and offer the customer value for money. And smile.

"Staff and service are important - first impressions count. Then choice of menu with the variety to capture the attention, followed by value for money – good-sized portions at the right price. We have a team of three chefs, each with their own individual flair. We offer traditional food with a modern twist served in our unique venues overlooking the sea. But I have to say I have had one very strange request: a dish of kangaroo steak.

Both venues are located in Pegwell Bay,

which has sweeping views over the sea.

The founder of the business, Frank Thorley, attended a function in the area many years ago and fell in love with the views and atmosphere. He vowed to one day establish a business there and Thorley Taverns has now been in operation for 30 years.

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A restaurant perfect for children

■ The Racing Greyhound

CHILDREN are particularly welcome guests at this pub in Dumpton, Thanet.
A large garden has been specially fitted out

with a play area to accommodate youngsters and ensure they have a good time, while adults have the chance to dine.

Licensee Keith Barnett, who confesses he would enjoy comparing swear words with Gordon Ramsay, is proud of his home-produced culinary lines.

Current favourites on the menu include steak and ale pie, curry and a stream of changing daily specials.

Keith, who has been in business for six



months, said: "We offer a unique, friendly atmosphere and I make sure my staff know what I want from them. I believe in working hard and playing hard. People say chefs all

Walpole Bay Hotel

Magnificent 1920's Style Hotel as featured on TV.

tric and I have to say yes, yes and yes on all three counts. To me, choice of menu, ambience, service, location and value for money go hand in hand when it comes to creating a successful restaurant."

The pub attracts customers from all over Thanet, who have told Keith they are pleased to find someone who cares so much about customer satisfaction.

He describes the drinking and eating venue as: "A nice friendly pub serving good value for money food.

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It offers quality food in the atmospheric surroundings of a beautiful 17th-century building.

Shaun said: "We are a family-run business offering traditional English food, freshly cooked to order using only the best-quality produce. An à la carte menu is available

lunchtimes and evenings.
"We have a Tuesday lunchtime special where we offer three courses for £5.95 and on Sundays we do two courses for £10.45 or three for £12.45, all of which are very popular - therefore we recommend booking in advance. As well as Jamie the chef, we have two part-time pastry chefs.

"We offer good food at value for money in a relaxed atmosphere with that personal touch "Jamie is our eldest son and they all have a

personality transplant when they put on their whites: he swears like a trooper but is a brilliant chef.



Shaun put their success down to "good food, price, service, atmosphere and that personal touch."

Morton's Fork can cater for parties up to about 30 people in the main restaurant and 16 to 20 in the upper restaurant.

Opening times are Tuesday to Saturday noon until 2.30pm and 7pm until late.

Eat noodles in a lounge

Pad Thai

THIS noodles lounge opened in November

2007 as a sister restaurant to Siam Kitchen. Noodles lounge replaces the term "restaurant", which is often associated with formal

or fine dining establishments.
Owner Kitty Naepnian said: "We chose
Albion Street for the restaurant because it is, quite simply, the best eating out street in Broadstairs.

"We would like everyone to feel relax and enjoy their food in an informal ambience. We offer a Thai casual dining venue offering good home-cooked food devised to feed

customers with a minimum fuss.
"Families with small children are welcome and in summer we will put tables in our enclosed garden. It's rare in Broadstairs to find a restaurantwith a garden."

Kitty is determined visitors will go away and remember the unique dining experience. And what is the customers' favourite dish?

"Sweet shredded beef, because of its intense flavour, not only is it sweet, but savoury at the same time and you also have a nutty flavour from sesame seeds and dark soy sauce," she said. "It has been called 'Chocolate Beef' by some customers."



She has a clear philosophy which should benefit her clientele: "Be honest and fair to your customer. We will make sure they'll get the best for their money."

And the number of customers who keep coming back seem sure to make Pad Thai a

Kitty said: "A regular customer of ours went to Thailand and had a meal in a well-known restaurant in Bangkok. First thing they did when they're back was get a take away from us. They think we're far better than the one in Bangkok!"

CHEF RECOMMENDS

Pad Thai

The lunch time menu has proved popular: one dish meal with a side salad of peanut dressing, price start from £5.95.

Recommendations are classic Pad Thai noodles with chicken and prawns topped with an egg pancake, Chieng Mai chicken coconut, and curry noodles.

Phileas Fogg Restaurant

Italian garlic mushrooms: breaded and deep fried then covered with garlic mayonnaise and topped with melted mozzarella cheese are a great starter. Or try Thai fish cakes: a familiar and popular appetiser with all the tastes of Thailand. Served with a green salad and a sweet chilli dip.

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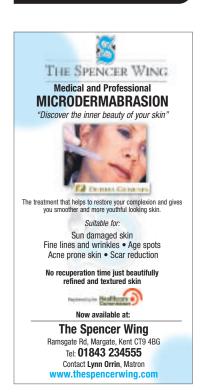
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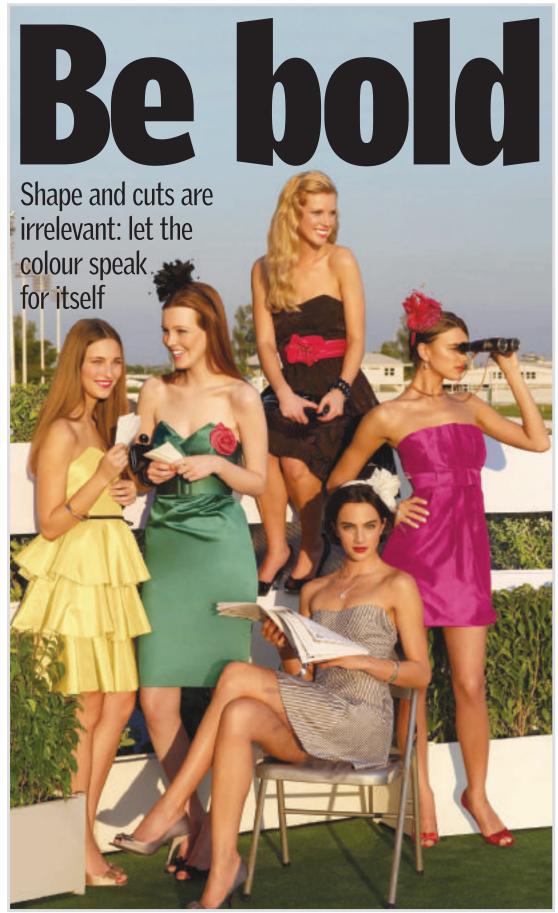
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TESCO is selling hit children's films for low prices — including Jerry Seinfeld's animated film, The Bee Movie, for £12.

The story of a bee who sues humanity for stealing honey, this DVD comes loaded with extras and will be sure to

charm younger viewers.

The adaption of the first part of Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy, The Golden Compass is £12.72.

And fairytale fans can pick up Disney's latest film, Enchanted, for £12, which sees a typical animated princess transported to modern-day New York.

Model's latest collection is a top look in shop

STYLE icon Kate Moss has a new collec-

tion out at Topshop.

The latest range is full of pretty summer dresses, with frills and prints being the order of the day.

Overdyed and strappy vests in a range of colours start at just £6 while drummer boy buttoned shorts begin at £30.
Distinctive mirror image hotpants

(£60) will also catch the eye in a red,

pink and orange pattern.

Topshop at Westwood Cross will carry a selection of the Kate Moss collection or visit www.topshop.com.

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Dot Simmons, who leads the 18-strong team at Westwood Cross, believes that it is her staff's commitment to their customers, enthusiasm for their work and their ability to work as a team that has earned them the accolade.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

HOW TO LOOK GOOD NAKED Channel 4, 8pm, Tuesdays THE INVISIBLES BBC1, 9pm, Thursday

BY TOM BETTS

LIVING with two women is hard.

I can't walk through the living room without tripping over bowls of strange smelling bits of twig and dried plants these days and the fridge is full of green stuff and something called houmous' most of the time.

As well as I deal with these huge hurdles life throws at me, for a telly-obsessive it's really the Tuesday night TV stranglehold by the two women in my life that grates the most.

For Tuesday night is Gok Wan night. My two pheromone-crazed flatmates get stuck into a bowl of ice cream and titter bewilderingly at everything the body-obsessed presenter says.

A big favourite seems to be his pen-chant for calling breasts "bangers".

The Gok Wan reign of terror started with the same show that he still fronts,

that is How to Look Good Naked.
Currently ruining an hours of men's
Tuesday nights across the country, Wan finds a dowdy looking woman each week and subjects them to all manner of insults and advice before cutting off most of their hair, dressing them up in whatever he deems worthy and then stripping them naked in front of a crowd of Bluewater shopper types

It's basically like a issue of Heat magazine shoved up on the screen to fill lifestyle-shaped hole left in the schedules by Trinny and Susannah.

Gok, bespectacled and ready for a few weeks annoying sales assistants everywhere, sets about turning a beast into a beauty.

It's all very Pygmalion.
The man has become to High Street



FASHION GURU: Gok Wan, causing a stir as host of Channel 4's How to Look Good Naked

fashion what Laurence Llewyn-

Bowen is to frilly velvet suits.

Not something I've found exhilarating myself, but lord knows I've tried.

I've had to.

Another thing I've tried getting excited about crime caper serial The Invisibles, but my it's tough.

When the main cast are the kind of nearly men on display here (that fella from the Gold Blend adverts, thingy-bob from Dalziel and Pascoe, and others) it's hardly surprising.

The Beeb's latest attempt to get middle-aged men engaged in something other than sport is drawing in some good viewing figures though and may become a regular fixture on screens.

Tune-in if you liked the latter series of Auf Weidersen Pet, couple with a bumbling bunch of down-on-their-luck old thieves.

If nothing else it will give you a break from Gok Mania.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) TAKE a flirt's comments with a dose of salt. They are far more harmless than they appear. If you feel as though these remarks border on harassment, put your complaint in writing and hand it to the proper authorities. In situations like this, it's always

good to have an official record. To find out more about what the stars have in

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) BEWARE of being too domineering. If someone you love proposes a fun outing, accept immediately. Your ability to abandon work for fun will make a tremendous difference to your relationship. An authority figure may not be very clear about what

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23) YOUR idealism is the most attractive thing about you. Refuse to give in when everybody else is ready to abandon ship. Someone you once idealised is getting on your nerves. Maybe this is because you've placed unre alistic expectations on their shoulders. Try to ease up a bit.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

for a long while. Save yourself a

lot of heartache by putting this

issue on the backburner. An old love could try to make their way

into your life again. Some funda-

mental problems remain between

the two of you. Resolve them first.

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THE terms of an agree

ment may not be settled

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Virgo 09067-531757 AVOID making any promback on your word. It's better to adopt a wait and see approach. Don't let anyone woo you into an arrangement you'll later regret.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) THIS isn't the best time to make changes to your household. Keep any alterations at the planning stage until next month, when your mind and heart will be working in sync. A recurring dream could tell you to start work on a creative project you abandoned some time ago.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) YOUR powers of attraction have never been stronger. If you've got your eye on someone special, now is the time to make your move. A forbidding relative may not approve of your flirtatious behaviour. Don't be so quick to dismiss their concerns, it. might be worth its weight in gold. · To find out more about what the stars have in

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) THIS is not the best time to plan a career move. An attractive position may not be all that it seems. A prominent organisation could try to woo you away from your current employer. Always remember to be gracious when accepting praise. Brushing off compliments can be hurtful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) ises, or you'll have to go An overbearing authority figure may give you more work than you can handle.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) THIS week you'll notice others being much more receptive to you. Perhaps this is because you've learned to temper your opinions with an element of humour and get your ideas across without causing offence. Take care to show respect for your peers, even when you disagree.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) BEING with loved ones gives you lots of pleasure. They appreciate your caring, efficient ways, but may not act thankful at first. An older man may disapprove of the way you stick up for an underdog. Turn a deaf ear to his nagging complaints. Following your heart is a good strategy.

• To find out more about what the stars have in

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) IT may be necessary to revise some opinions. This ability to accept change boosts your reputation among former rivals. Thankfully, you've always trusted your head over your heart. Taking the logical path comes naturally. Nagging doubts could prevent you from taking a trip. . To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) A PROJECT will undergo many changes before it is finished, so be patient. Adopt an air of detachment whenever you're asked to change this job. Pay no attention to an older colleague who thinks you're not giving this assignment the respect

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2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen was the winner of last years race in his Ferrari, beating the McClaren pairing of Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. This year Hamilton will be looking to join the elite of British drivers to win in front of the home crowd including Sterling Moss, Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill.

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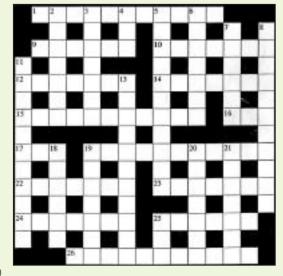
- 1 Ready to become ice and preserve food (5-6)
- 9 Dance cut, a puzzle (6)
- 10 It was a wonder the gardens were suspended here (7)
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- bureaucracy (3,4) 15 Weeping, pity it's a shocking thing (6,5)
- **16** Head spinner (3)
- 17 Lady finished in Florida (3)
- 19 Apply weight on office of news gatherer (5,6)
- **22** Lady to tie Alan in knots (7)
- 23 Instrument comes to nothing back on glacial ridge (7)
- **24** Most desirable plot I am cultivating (7) **25** Administration of incomplete diet (6)
- 26 Ancestor reprocessed material (11)

DOWN

- 2 Room for public service? (7)
- 3 It is not hard to find it in a chair (7)
- 4 Hardly any iron and tungsten (3) **5** Ashamed to be in financial difficulties (11)
- 6 Be embraced by last character with ease, say, one in
- New Testament (7)
- 7 One in factory is flexible (6)
- 8 Not giving enough money to Ray upending explosively (11) 11 Meeting-place with TV is an earthed enclosure (8,3)
- 13 Unkempt devils he led astray! (11)
- 18 Part of a vast utensil it is shrewd to have (6)
- 19 Parrot reportedly more than half merry with starch! (7) 20 Grievances when gas initially surged out of control (7)
- 21 Lily, boss following Leonard up (7)
- 25 Old bird in a frock! (3)

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ACROSS

- 1 Proposals offered as a whole (7,4)
- **9** Vibrate (6)
- 10 Remove protection (7)
- 12 Not matched (7)
- 14 Legal action (7)
- 15 Not long ago (3,5,3) 16 Dried grass (3)
- 17 Coal-scuttle (3)
- 19 Of equal duration (11)
- 22 Fairly large (7)
- 23 Sharp bend (7)
- 24 Tailless feline (4,3)
- 25 Showy flower (6) **26** Chill food (11)

DOWN

- 2 Accomplish (7)
- 3 Kind of orange (7)
- **4** Effigy (3)
- 5 Gibberish (6.5)
- 6 Vaulted passage (7)
- **7** Guarantee (6)
- 8 Considerable sum of money (6,5)
- 11 Exactly identical (4,3,4)
- 13 Elect editor (anaq.) (3,8)
- 18 Nodding off (6)
- 19 Dressing compartment (7)
- 20 Therein (anag.) (7)
- 21 Impress (7)
- **25** Excavate (3)

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Hope and expectation down on festival farm





MARK MORRISS: Sunday's headliner

GREAT SCOTS: Idlewild are back to remind music fans south of the border just how good the 1990s indie scene was

"WHATEVER happened to..?" is a timeless post-pub game, giving sozzled revellers the chance to bond with equally-inebriated pals over forgotten acts of yesteryear.

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With "Whatever happened to..?" in mind, I give you news on ex-indie greats Idlewild and

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

Mark Morriss, frontman of pop/rock outfit The Bluetones. Having faded into relative obscurity since their heady '90s highs, both acts have secured headline slots at next month's two-day Sellindge Music Festival.

Sellmage Music Festival.

Scottish rockers Idlewild, famed for hits such as When I Argue I See Shapes, These Wooden Ideas and You Held the World in Your Arms, will play on Saturday, June 7, after performances from The Hair, Marner Brown and Syd Arthur.

Mark Morriss, who penned tracks such as Slight Return, Cut Some Rug and Solomon Bites the Worm, will take to the stage the following night. More than 60 acts will perform at the Hope Farm weekender in Ashford, which promises an airing for the best in folk, dance, indie and world music. A festival spokesman said: "Sellindge music festival doesn't intend to copy. It doesn't intend to follow. We expect to lead.

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WHITE RIOT: Paramore perform during Radio 1's Big Weekend



UNUSUAL SUSPECTS: The Suspects cover a Klaxons track



NATTY DREAD: Newton Faulkner at Radio 1's Big Weekend





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Mr Right, so give me a call! Box 440574
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44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box

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ON A PLATE
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Hi, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/blue eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, read-

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Mum of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

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HAPPY TIMES
Friendly, faithful female, 35, nice & attractive, loves reading, poetry and the outdoors, WLTM genuine soul mate, for happy times. Box 165860

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Single Mum, 35, own place, loves animals, nights in, very down2earth, seeking caring male, looks unimportant, fun-loving personality essential. Box 440671

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Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I
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friends, cinema, good food, beach
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Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usuall Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ①

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a laugh, and WLTM nice, kind gent.
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attractive female, 31, 5'4", size 12,

attractive remaine, 31, 5 4, 8tze 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship, Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

Yolanda, 34, 5ft5, fair hair, blue eyes, hard working. Loves to walk my dog and ride my motorbike. Would you like to join me? Box 892927

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Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter.
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It I'm 37, 618, mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tacille, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674 ©

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Hi, I'm a 38-year-old lively, attractive female, slim, love weekends away, nice meals, animal lover, seeking a nice, honest man for happy times together. Hastings. Box 435857

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out, marrial arts. Kent area. Box
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Lonely, bored, professional

Lonely, bored, professional
Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40,
WLTM slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box
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children, medium build, dark hair,
seeking a male to share life with
again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box
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Hello, The 14, a single Mum, professional, Christian, lacking confidence
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share my life with and be there for
me, Box 43949 ©
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having fun, eating out, wine bars,
swimming, looking for someone for
something meaningful. Box 430952

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Professional 41yr old female, 5'9",
dark hair, blue eyes, single mum,
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MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS

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46yr old female, small and slim, brown hair with hazel eyes, likes music, films, animals, days outs and snuggling on the sofa, seeking similar male. Box 983566 G
SANDY SEEKS DANNY
Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no lies, loves socialising, eating out etc., GSOH, seeking trustworthy, hones man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 44010 G
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seeking friendship... Box 434901
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Happy, contented solvent lady, 59,
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disposition/means. Box 987822 Ø
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gentleman initially for friendship,
maybe more. Box 910138 ⑥
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43yr old, gentle, caring, short brown hair, 5ft4, loves good food, cine-mas, pubs, cosy nights in, seeking someone special for friendship and possible LTR. Box 440675 **⊕**

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Shy male. 25, 6ft, 3 lim, good-looking, enjoys the countryside, walks, cycling, arts and crafts, searching for a woman to have fur with and perhaps more. Box 439254 € €

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Hit here, 29y rold intelligent Asian male with GSOH, fun-loving, into music, movies, reading, photography, travelling, seeking similar interesting giff for company and hopefulymore. Box 440551 €

TIM'LL FIX IT!

Hi, I'm Tim, 28, looking for a woman I can have fun, laughs and excitement with and possibly lead-ing to relationship. Box 913940 **O**

MOTORBIKING!
I'm 31, slim, looking to meet female
35-40, good-looking, with interests
in bikes, music, and dining out, for
potential LTR. Box 439295

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potential LTR. Box 43925 ©
WAITING FOR YOU
33yr old single male, 51t10, blue
eyes, enjoys the gym, WLTM a
genuine, nice girl to see how it
goes. Box 440320 ©
MAD FOR YOU
Professional male, 33, blue eyes,
well-built, athletic. Looking for feminine lady, 25+ with GSOH, aspirations and dreams in RyerFarlight
area. Box 892272 ©

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Good looking male, 35, 6ft5, brown
eyes, medium build, likes keeping
fit, animals, history, reading, fishing,
looking for a female up to 40, size
18+. Box 440503 **
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367y of lift main, \$\fot{5110}, enjoys the
outdoors, jogging, cycling, looking
to meet a girl of similar age, likeminded, for potential LTR.
Turbridge Wells. Box 446062

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Paul, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes,

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Paul 38, 618, dark hair, blue eyes,
pretty laidback, love the gym,
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out, WLTM young lady for friendship to relationship. Box 440546
MARSHAL ME
Chris, 39, 517, stocky, green-blue
eyes, short hair, Virgo, SSOH, love
swimming, walks on beaches, days
out, seeking similar fermale, for lovfilms. SEL MARSH STANDARS
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I'm 42, medium build, 5flt(n, not fatt
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head, seeking female 20-50 to start
again and find love with. Box
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LES? THIS IS WHY...
Les, 43, 5fl9, slim, short hair, great
SOH, kind, briving, caring, enjoys
music, football, socialising, seeking
female 30-45, race immaterial, for
loving, tender relationship. Box
440022 09
CUDDLES AND MORE
Hellol I'm a 43yr old single man,

Hello! I'm a 43yr old single man, 5ft9, slim, fit, seeking quiet but not too shy lady, down2earth, who's looking for cuddles... Box 440511

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ALONG THE COAST OF LOVE
44yr old male, slim, 5tl8, a doglover, love walks, swimming, DIY,
very loving and spontaneous, seeking slim, tactile, romantic female for
friendship or more. Box 436457 0
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Hi, 45yr old Andy, 6ft, likes walking,
football, films, nights in, socialising,
seeking a woman, looks unimpor-tant, good personality essential, for lasting love & happiness. Box
440564 © Q

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440564 **Q**SUMMER LOVIN'
White male, 45, naughty but nice,
WLTM black female, down-to-earth,
someone to share the summer with
black music, beach life, BBOs, fishing, keeping fit, painting... Box
439940 **Q**BE BRAVE
Hi TM Vince, 48yr old truck driver,
Fill ship eaves 2 deurnher likes

Fift in vince, 46yr old truck driver, 5ft8, blue eyes, 2 daughter, likes pubs, cosy nights in, walks, reading, seeks loving female for relationship. Rochester. Box 440476 **①** ATTRACTIVE

ATTRACTIVE
Slim single dad, 45, slim, own house and car, WLTM attractive female/single mum, slim/med, for friendship/relationship. Kentl/East Sussex Box 143362 @ @
COME ON OVER
TO MY PLACE

Shaun, 48, love walking, socialising, good meals, seeking similar female who enjoys the same for potential lasting relationship. Box 440185 **©** KIND AND LOYAL

KIND AND LOYAL
Warm, loyal, honest type of guy,
OHAC. I'm 47, WITM loyal woman,
with a similar sense of humour. I
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pubs. Box 433021 0
HOWARD'S WAY?
Hellol I'm Howard, 49, dark hair,
51t1, average build, alone for a
long time, seeking romantic lady, for
mutual romance and happy partnership. Box 440483
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FASCINATION
I'm male, 50, attractive, slim, greying hair/blue eyes. I'm genuine, con
fident and outgoing. I like 70s/80s
music, movies, reading, agradening,
countryside, wining/dining, You?
Eastbourne Box 439177

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51ylo, slim, 517, attractive, enjoys
reading books, poetry,visiting art
galleries, keeping itt and Asian food,
WLTM a slim, interesting conversationalists for an active life together.
Box 440620
MORE THAN JUST FUN
I'm Kim, Dad 01.3. 52 lows to watch

I'm Kim, Dad of 3, 52, love to watch films at home, honest, caring, upbeat, seeking, warm, kind, sensi-tive woman for hopefully a lasting romance.Canterbury. Box 440612

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The a guy of 52 (feeling 32!), who likes muse and laughter. Looking for a lady who doesn't take life too seriously for hatepyne. Box 892362 O ALL GOOD THINGS

LIM 52 live A Work Brighton, 5ft8,

ALL GOOD THINGS
I'm 52, live & work Brighton, 5ft8,
WS, laidback, sociable, enjoy company, laughter, socialising, seeking similar lady to share the future and perhaps love with. Box 439133 **
WITH YOU FOREVER?
HI, I'm 52, 5ft8, blonde hair blue

Hi, I'm 52, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, separated, seeking a female 40-50 that likes a laugh and good times, cinema, meals...to enjoy life!

FOR LOVE, SWEET LOVE

I'm Gordon, 56, a Scorpio, 1 daugt ter, 5ft8, slim, dark hair, dark eyes, a smoker, occasional drinker, love music & soaps, animals, seeking similar female. Box 440178 THONESTY MEANS ALL

Keith, 56, 5ft10, blue eyes, grey hair, medium build, great SOH, likes most things, football, the beach, meals in/out, seeking genuine female for great times.
Sittingbourne. Box 439669
A CATCH
Divorced male, 56, own business,

Divorced male, 56, own business, loves country life, horses, dogs, pubs, meals outseeks honest, sincere female, 35-45, to spoil and for fun relationship. Cranbrook. Box 800787 FOR NOW AND THE FUTURE

Male, 57, vertically challenged! 5f bright outlook, looking for a matur female, to share fun times and enjoy life with. Box 434795 **①**BACK ON TRACK

enjoy life with. Box 434795
BACK ON TRACK
Interests: travel, socialising. I have
a GSOH and fin seeking a nice
woman for friendship/relationship.
Im male, 59, medium build, 6ft tall.
Box 439496
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IF YOU'RE OUT THERE...
61/yo outgoing and passionate
male, 5ft10, fit & healthy, solvent,
honest, loyal, GSOH, attractive,
seeking LTR with similar slim-medium female 50-80 with no ties. Box
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61yr old gent, 5fl9, slim, non-smok-er, nutty but fun, nice looks, likes foreign travel, cinema, music, seek-ing similar nutty female for like-minded good times. Box 440173 IN GOOD COMPANY

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Styr old male, 5ft8, dark hair (greyingl), nice looking, loves music, cooking, seeking someone for friendship and fun, something more hopefully if things work out.Eastbourne. Box 440404

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Actily male & managerial.

Active male, 66 years old, looking to meet a down to earth lady 50 - 65 to share interest, friendship and maybe more Box 416043 • Men

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Good guy, looking for male, 35-50.
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So much to see and do

BY JEREMY GATES

FOR an old girl in sight of her 60th birthday, the Cornish Belle chugged into Falmouth Harbour at such a lively pace that squawking seagulls wisely kept their distance.

"This is the largest natural bay in the world after Sydney," boomed the commentary.

A £7 return ticket took us on the voyage from the waterside pub at Tolverne – still a place of pilgrimage for Americans because thousands of US troops set sail from here for the Normandy landings in 1944 – and down the drizzly estuary of the Carrick Roads.

The pubs on Falmouth's seafront, I imagine, have changed little since the brave Yanks sailed by.

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Then it was back on board for our return to Tolverne – and possibly a cream tea at the Smugglers Cottage, a 15th century inn, with rosettes from both Les Routiers and Egon Ronay, if we felt peckish at the end of the voyage.

With the A30 now dual carriageway all the way west to Indian Queens, and low-cost flights into



FAMILY ATTRACTIONS: The Lizard is one of the many beautiful spots in Cornwall

Newquay from Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow, Newcastle, Cardiff, and Cork (a new service from Birmingham starts at £16.79p single, plus taxes), Cornwall is nearer

than ever before.

Our base for the week was the village of Devoran, just off the A39 south of Truro. The Sail Loft, which probably hummed with skilled craftsmen a century ago, has been converted into a three-bedroom home with a massive living

room/kitchen area at first-floor level, beneath a vaulted ceiling. The location, at one end of a

The location, at one end of a sleepy village where the only shop opened on Monday afternoons, was perfect for a restful week. Barely a hundred yards away, up

Barely a hundred yards away, up a slope which seemed more challenging on the return leg in the dark, was The Old Quay Inn with local ales and home-cooked meals for less than a tenner a head.

In the daylight, climbing the

lanes of Devoran made a perfect stroll in a setting reminiscent of the Welsh valleys.

Within a dozen miles of the village, there's plenty to see and do. Around the corner are the magnificent gardens of Trelissick, 370 acres of parks and woodland, crammed with rhododendrons, hydrangeas and maples.

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A few miles north of Devoran is the city of Truro, its splendid 'medieval' cathedral only completed in 1910 – but more ravaged by time than you might expect, because it's made of Bath stone.

As a city, Truro is fun because superstores are kept carefully clear of old streets and alleyways.

The city's choice of restaurants gets better all the time: try locally-sourced venison in Tabbs, the bistro-style Bustopher Jones, recently and lavishly refurbished, and Mannings in the Royal Hotel, owned by Lyn Manning, sister-in-law of late comedian Bernard.

Head south from Devoran and Falmouth becomes the gateway to The Lizard, with an intriguing array of family attractions, including the Flambards Experience, Poldark Mine and Goonhilly Satellite Earth Station Experience.

In a week, or even a fortnight, you're bound to run out of time – because there is so much to see.



Holiday details

The Sail Loft in Devoran, sleeping six, costs from £504 per week in March to £1,224 during the peak season.

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- The Hotel & Extreme Academy, Watergate Bay, offers three-night short breaks with B&B, one dinner at Fifteen Cornwall, one in the hotel and lunch in the Beach hut from £145 per person. Three night self-catering breaks in adjacent apartments start at £190 per unit (no sea view) and £245 (sea view).

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Jeremy Gates was a guest of Classic Cottages





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INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (12A)



The most eagerly anticipated film of the summer is a glorious nostalgia trip and delivers adrenalinepumping thrills interspersed with smart one-liners during the action sequences. But the hocus pocus storyline is both gossamer thin and preposterous. Indy's latest outing is half the film it could have been.

CASSANDRA'S DREAM (12A)



Woody Allen's latest offering is a nightmare, especially for leading men Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell, who wrestle with hysterically strained London accents, clumsy dialogue, ludicrous plotting and a complete lack of dramatic tension.

CARAMEL (PG)



Deliciously sweet melodrama revolving around Beirut beauty salon Si Belle, which provides a focal point for gossiping local women as they search for love and fulfilment. The film casts a warm glow as the characters take comfort in sisterly solidarity.

'Lucky' Peter finds ideal leading man - himself

BY KATE WHITING

DIRECTOR Peter Howitt thinks he's the luckiest man alive - after becoming a father for the second time and releasing a film which he wrote, directed and stars in.

Besides the phenomenal success of his writing and directorial debut Sliding Doors, the Manchester-born star is still probably best known in the UK for his turn as Joey Boswell in 80s TV sitcom Bread.

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In the 20 years since the Liverpool-based series came to an end, he has made the leap from actor to director and worked with a string of Hollywood A-listers, including

Gwyneth Paltrow and Pierce Brosnan. But his latest film, Dangerous Parking, came about from the need to "give himself a kick up the backside".
"One weekend back in May 2004, I was sit-

ting in my office in Vancouver and I was a bit fed up because a film I'd made, Laws Of

Attraction, hadn't done very well.
"I wasn't disappointed by that, because it didn't bother me, but I didn't like the fact that it didn't bother me. So I started questioning

"I thought, What kind of film-maker are you? Or are you even a film-maker? Are you just the bloke who made Sliding Doors and then got to make loads of other films because that put you on a red carpet ride?'.

During this internal dressing down, Howitt spotted a book on his desk called Dangerous Parking, by Stuart Browne, which he'd read on the flight from London back to his home in Canada after making Laws Of Attraction.
The semi-autobiographical novel follows the

exploits of alcoholic independent film-maker Noah Arkwright, who battles his addictions to sex, drugs and alcohol, until his life takes a more tragic turn.

"It's very visceral, moving, anarchic and very real, and it's got my kind of dark, edgy

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humour," he says. "But it's all over the place, like a fragmented memory. There's no chronology to it – it's like a projectile vomit of a life.
"It's a fantastic read, but I didn't think you

could make a film out of it. It's too unapologetic and too raw."

He opened the book again and discovered that on the plane he had written 'start here' on

page 69. He wrote about 10 pages that day. Five days later he had an entire screenplay and then, with a positive response from his film-making partner, he began the lengthy process of finding funding, and a cast and crew, to make the movie.

Eventually Howitt had to resort to unortho dox means to get the film made. They sold 'shares' in the film and managed to recruit a crew and cast, including Saffron Burrows and Sean Pertwee, for nothing or a deferred fee.

And then, just weeks before filming, his lead actor dropped out and Howitt found himself standing in as Noah.

He said: "This film rises or falls on who plays

Noah, so in the end I played the lead role as well. I guess that was the way it was meant to



BACK TO FRONT: Director Peter Howitt found himself on both sides of the camera in his film Dangerous Parking

be. I'm more proud of this film than anything Eve ever done in my life – apart from creating my two children."



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the thumbs up from one estate agents which says they speed up transactions.

The packs – detailing all aspects of a property's history and design – were introduced to speed up the home buying and selling process as well as providing consumers with a faster and more costeffective service.

However, they have been subject to heavy criticism since they were intro-

But Connells has said that Hips, as they are known, are effective as housing transactions are quicker.
A study by the estate agent, who

tracked property sales between 2 August 2007 and 31 March 2008, established that properties with a Hip were sold twelve days faster than those with-

Roger Wilson of Connells said having the information required for the pack available early means the transaction can start immediately.

"If for any reason the purchaser does pull out, and a new purchaser needs to join a chain of transactions, then they can catch up quickly, which can save time and money," he said.

Orders up but not all repossessions

REPOSSESSION order numbers released recently make alarming reading – but banks and building societies are keen to point out not every statistic represents a householder losing their

Instead they say they are always keen to try and help – as it is their interests to keep customers in their homes.

In the first three months of this year

there were 27,530 repossession orders issued but not every one of these will represent a home lost.

The figures also include property owners who have negotiated a more comfortable repayment scheme.

In other cases the repossession order

can act as a spur to people who have not realised how deep in difficulty they are.
Figures for last year bare this out – of

95,000 repossession orders there were actually a total of 27,100 repossessions.

In order to help the Government has pledged that there will be extra guidance from the Citizens Advice Bureau

Homebuy extension will help first-timers

BY NICK AMES

ALL first-time buyers earning less than £60,000 a year are eligible for the Government's shared ownership and shared equity schemes, which allows borrowers to part buy a property.

The Homebuy programme, which was previously only available to people considered to be "key workers", such as nurses and teachers, is intended to support first-time buyers struggling to get on the housing ladder.

The announcement came as Prime Minister Gordon Brown outlined next year's legislative programme in the House of Commons recently.

The Prime Minister also said £200 million would go towards buying new properties either for first-time buyers to purchase through the HomeBuy scheme or for social rent.
About 95,000 people have been

helped on to buy a property since Homebuy began in 1997.

However, the schemes have

been criticised for their inflexible rules and complex eligibility criteria.

The shared equity scheme, Open Market HomeBuy, allows buyers to take a cheap "equity loan" on part of the property and a conventional mortgage on the

With this scheme, buyers can part-purchase any house instead of being restricted to a housing association's selection.

Homeowners can gradually buy more shares in the property until they buy their house outright.

The news is a bonus for firsttime buyers - many of whom have been squeezed out of the mort-



HELP: Open Market Homebuy is open to any first-time buyer who earns less than £60,000 a year – it was previously just for key workers such as teachers and medical staff. Open Market allows buyers to take a cheap equity loan on part of a property

gage market with the changes

occurring in recent weeks.

Melanie Bien from broker
Savills said: "For the many firsttime buyers struggling to raise a deposit, this is very welcome news indeed.

"The big advantage to these schemes is that no deposit is required - in the case of shared equity schemes, the equity loan is

viewed by the lender as the

deposit.

"So if you have an equity loan or "deposit" of 50 per cent, you will have access to the most competitive interest rates for your mort-

gage.
"This is because rates will be lower if you have a very large

However, housing charity

Shelter warned that Government will have do more if it is serious about tackling the housing problems Britain faces now and in the future.

Adam Sampson from the charity said: "These measures are just a drop in the ocean in tackling Britain's endemic housing crisis.

"There are still 1.6 million people on council house waiting lists."

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Cheriton Motor House joins the Japanese brand when its UK volume is 32 per cent up on 2007.

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Daihatsu says buyers have turned to economy models such as its Materia MPV (pictured), and brand-wide five-year unlimited mileage warranty, when faced with today's higher motoring budgets.

unimited mileage warranty, when faced with today's higher motoring budgets. Explaining Cheriton's adoption of Daihatsu, sales manager Dennis Podd said: "Daihatsu has long specialised in economical cars, but we were also attracted by the product quality — all Daihatsus are built in Japan itself — and the fact that the brand is backed by Toyota."



Lose two doors to save with Mazda2

ONE of the top superminis has had a price slash – but it will cost you a couple of doors.

For Mazda has followed its five-door Mazda2, with a line-up of three-door versions from a tempting £7,999 and with 1.3-litre petrol or 1.4 diesel engine – a 1.5 petrol follows in July.

Mazda's commitment to save weight – and fuel – in new generation models means that the latest Mazda2 is 100kg lighter than the previous car and caters for eco-minded buyers unwilling to give up on some style.



More fizz for Ford seven-up stars

FORD'S stylish seven-seat people carriers, the Galaxy (pictured) and S-Max, now have a sporting diesel option.

Both can be ordered with the excellent 175PS(172bhp) 2.2-litre Duratorq TDCi engine, which allows economy and full exploitation of the cars' clever mix of practicality and driver enjoyment.

of practicality and driver enjoyment.
Both MPVs are also offered with a new 2.0-litre 'flexi-fuel' engine capable of running on any mix of bio-ethanol and petrol in the same fuel tank, thereby lowering emissions and overall carbon footprint.



ADVANCEMENTS: The new i30 is proof that Hyundai is taking its attempt to muscle in on the Ford Focus family hatchback sector far more seriously than in previous years

Hyundai flexes muscles with its 'Korean Focus'

HYUNDAI – the world's fifth largest car maker by sales – is flexing its muscles.

Having tried to conquer the UK and Europe with half-hearted attacks using models ill-fitted to the local car sectors, it is gradually introducing European' replacements.

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The first was the i30, launched last year and aimed at the Ford Focus family hatchback sector, backed by Hyundai's usual package of keen prices and reliability supported by a unique range-wide five-year unlimited wilcom yearneyte.

mileage warranty.

The thought and materials that have gone into the car are generations rather than just one ahead of where the i30's predecessors were.

For instance, having chosen to pinch the Apple iPod's prefix for its new European models, Hyundai has wisely ensured that an iPod or equivalent MP3-player really works in the car. Not only does it 'plug 'n' play' straight away, but also has a bespoke location in the front armrest – there is nothing on view to tempt the light-fingered.

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI 130

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

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Green rating	****

Fit and finish is excellent at this price (£12,995-£16,595) on the road). The luxury and comfort of the leather seats on our 2.0 CRDi Premium flagship model were an added bonus — you really could be sitting in a more upmarket car—and expensive brand.

Powertrains are good too, though the 2.0-litre turbodiesel of our car is not the pick; I prefer the 1.6 diesel for its mix of refinement, power and economy.

Out on the road though, you realise Hyundai still has work to do; it is one thing to mimic the cosmetics of your rivals, but another to create a chassis to ride well and satisfy the keen driver.

The i30 cruises well, is comfortable and you won't worry about breaking down, but take the cross country route and the i30 is a bit dull; it grips securely, but the body pitches into the bends and the ride is unsettled by poor surfaces.

Can Hyundai follow up with a hot model to prove it can get the chassis sorted if needed? If so, then this Korean heavyweight really can start to worry the likes of VW, Vauxhall and Ford.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

CITY CARS

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SMALL city cars are in big demand as the global debate heats up and we watch fuel prices soar and Government policies make matters worse. No wonder that we are all rethinking and asking "Just how much car do I really need?" For single users, couples and small families, the answer is something a no-brainer when a small supermini – now popularly known as a city car or urban runabout – can return nearly 60mpg and falls into the lowest road tax bands. Here are three of the cheapest used buys.

CHEVROLET MATIZ



INCH for inch, the Matiz was state-of-the-art in terms of five-door compact city car design when it arrived as a Daewoo in 1998. Early 800cc versions were pretty gutless and rather noisy on the motorway, so go for the 1.0-litre engine if possible. Otherwise, the Matiz is a frugal and well-equipped easily-parked car for local driving and surprisingly spacious and versatile, with a comfortable ride. Aesthetically, the original design is better than the later 'puffed up' facelift version.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S Panda donated the chassis and running gear for the Fiat 500 cult car, so there is not much wrong with the oily bits - a fact borne out by reliability surveys. We must not forget that the Panda itself is a former European Car of the Year award winner; it offers five doors, acres of space, cut-price running costs and a decent drive and there are even diesel and 4x4 options - though both of those command a used market premium.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

CITROEN C2



CITROEN'S C2, with its distinctive dropped rear quarter window line and split tailgate, inherited the old Saxo supermini's younger driver fanbase, but plentiful numbers and generous deals on new examples have kept used prices keen. Available only as a three-door - the bigger C3 supplies that demand - the 1.4-litre petrol is the pick of the engines, since the 1.1 can be noisy and sluggish, while the sporty 1.6 GT and VTS versions are not so suited to motoring on a shoestring.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
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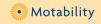
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ACCENT 1.3, 2002, silver, 41625 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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146 TI, 5 door, p 1996, a car that will a 5 speed manual gearbox. a test drive is welcome as well as any inspection. red, 94000 miles, £1495, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

SPIDER, JTS, gj07cme, air con, alarm, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag. electric seats, electric windo leather interior, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, special alloys, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, red, 7100 miles, £21995, Theoree Group, Turbricke Melle

A4, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

TT. 1.8 2DR. 2002. trim; leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £14995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, blenhiem silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin Jame Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

3, 2002, dolphin grey, 62684 miles £8995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 735I AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

X5, 3.0d SPORT AUTO, Ir06xml, grey, 19362 miles, £23000, Big Motoring World, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

CADILLAC

CTS, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005,

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, LTX 2.0, gk08orw, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, 1.0SE A/, gj57eos, finished in ocean blue with blue interior, blue, 5000 miles, £7590, caffyns chevrolet t wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, 01795426700 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, 925649, chrysler pt 2/6/2 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £6980, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CITROEN

RERLINGO MILITISPACE 2005 2 Obdi 90 desire 5dr dsl est, grey, 49500 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Rhythm 5dr, 2007, 1.0i rnythm 5dr hatch, carlinite grey, 1000 miles, £7495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3. 1.4i SX 5dr Auto. 2004. 1.4i sx 5dr auto hatch, silver, 30770 miles, £6495, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

SAXO, 1.1i Desire 5dr. 2003, 1.1i

XSARA, 1.6i 16V SX 5dr, 2002, 1.6i 16v sx 5dr hatch, silver, 30795 miles, £3995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

DAEWOO NUBIRA, 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 16v 5dr. gn53anv. cloth upholstery, immobiliser, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, head restraints, electric windows, air con, cd, radio, 14" alloys, red, 55000 miles, £3499, electric windows, air con, cd, radio, 14" alloys, red, 55000 miles, £3499, Marshams, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchhack 3d 1349cc w583vlm, new mot very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, ASHFORD, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

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CHARADE, 1.0 SL 5Dr Hatchback. Cheriton Motor House, F 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MATERIA, 08/2008, alloy w electric windows fog lamps rev park sensors & much more!!!, c mica, delivery miles miles, £10.845, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SIRION, 1.3 SE Hatchback 5dr Auto, 08/2008, pas remote c/locking electric windows alloy wheels rear parking sensors, black, 1, 000 miles, £10, 145, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

CINQUECENTO, m/1994, manual miles, £1195, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MAREA, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red. 106000 miles. £995. County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PUNTO 1.2 8V Active 5dr, Iv05nif, central locking, cloth upholstery, hear restraints, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, abs, twin air bags, metallic paintwork, rear wasthviber, endic ocassette, electric front windows, crystal green metallic 15000 milles, 24490, AR Cars. V4490, AR Cars. V4490, AR Cars. Valvag. wash/wipe, radio cassette, electric front windows, crystal green metallic 15000 miles, £4490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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ESCORT, 1.8 SI CONVERTABLE, 1995 (n), 95 (n) ford escort 1.8 si, daytona yellow coachwork with contrasting black leather trim, service history, electric pack, remote central locking, alarm, air con, electric windows, electric mirrors, twin air bags, alloy wheels, cd hi-fi, bargain convertible for the spring. only £1995, datona yellow, 67000 miles, £1995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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RANGER, Pick Up XLT Double Cab TD 4WD, 57, warrantied mileage. 10 miles, £12490, SMC Ford Crayford Crayford, 0844 4999792 (TRADE)

TRANSIT CONNECT, acoupt, remove central locking, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, brake assist, air bag, cd player, side load door, white, 11396 miles, £8495, Van Zone Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844

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RODEO. Denver Max Double Cab. NOUSE, DERIVER MAX DOUBLE CLD, bp56lmf, immobiliser, central locking, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, metallic paintwork, air conditioning, due in soon, alloy wheels, 4x4, maroon, 10545 miles, 513000, Van Zone Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446528 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

S-TYPE, V6 Auto, Im51 htv, remote S-TYPE, V6 Auto, ImS1 htv, remote adarm, remote central locking, rear headrests, front fog lamps, full leather, electric seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, centre armest, electric mirrors, electric windows, traction control, climate control, air conditioning, multi-disc of player, radio cassette, twin air bags, as power steering, alloy wheels, blue, 45500 miles, 55995, Kings Hichway Granor L1d Plumstead (201 Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

XKB, Coupe Sports, In52hfj, remote central locking, immobiliser, full leather, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, climate control, cd, radio, 18" alloys, blue, 70000 miles, £14999, Marshams, Maiddene, 1657, 200, 100, (1657, 20 Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

CARENS. 2.0 CRDI LE Automatic Diesel, 2006, insurance group 9 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricotor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/d rear electric windows remote central tocking roof rails steering wheel rake locking roof fails steering wheel rake adjustment, cool silver, 17780 miles, £8495, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

MAGENTIS, Le 2.0 A/c, 1216649, kia magentis le 2.0 4/c, 1210943, kid magentis le 2.0 a/c mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher blue, 2003, 23000 milies, manual, petrol, 4 doors, 2 previous owners, blue, £3489, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 90 TD5 County Station Wagon, 10699054, power steering, electric front windows, remote alarm, cd player, remote central locking, rear cd player, remote central locking, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, alloy wheels, 4x4, road tax is £210 per year on this vehicle, metallic red, 38000 miles, £12995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

FREELANDER, 1998, met green with beige, 91644 miles, £3250, County Car Sales, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, 2.0 Sport 5dr [ac], 1167649, mazda 323 2.0 sport 5dr [ac] mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher green, 2001, 42000 miles, manual, green, £3989, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

6, TS D 143, 2006, grey metalio charcoal, 31000 miles, £10495 Motors, 01634 296688 (TRADE

Courtenay Cars, Charing, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

PREMACY, 1.8 Gsi 5dr, 995649, mazda premacy 1.8 gsi 5dr mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher blue, 1999, 43000 miles, manual, bide, 1993, 43000 miles, mandar, petrol, 5 doors, 2 previous owners, blue, £3289, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

RX8, 190 Nemisis, 993649, metallic paintwork, mazda rx-8 190 nemisis mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher copper red met, 2007, 11701 miles, manual, petrol, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, red, £14990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 rietcher Honda, Tuni 130 4298 (TRADE)

COOPER, 1.6 3dr, 13/11/2002, cd yellow, 29672 miles, £8499, Invicta Motors, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

INTERSTAR. SF MM35 120bhp With Nav & Air Con, 726182, remote centra locking, bulkhead, ply-lined, side load door, barn doors, dual passenger seat parking sensor, power steering, parking serisor, power seering, satellite navigation, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, delta blue, 69000 miles, £6695, Clearways Commercials, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

MICRA, Celebration Ltd Edn, 2000, celebration special editions; mail 3 door; green, body coloured bumpers; driver's airbag; folding rear seats; front head restraints; immobiliser; isofix child seat ancl points; cassette radio; pas; fsh; recent service; long mot; low insurance; great condition;, green, 29000 miles, £1650, Folkestone, 01303 240796 (PRIVATE)

X-TRAII STATION WAGON 19/05/2005, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser auto climate control electric windows, red, 62000 miles £9999, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

106, 1.1 Zest 1, 2001, drivers airbag immobiliser history, scarlet red, 53000 miles, £2189, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

806, lx hdi, 2001, silver, 87000 miles, £4195, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

807, 2.0 GLX 7-seater, 2003, silver with grey high velour, 48000 miles, £6995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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CAYMAN, 3.4 S 2dr, 3.4 s 2dr coupe, 26000 miles, £33995, Wilmoths Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

PROTON

PERSONA, 1.5 GLSi Saloon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, power assisted steering, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette. green, 21995, Westbrook Cars, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

RENAULT

KANGOO, SL17 DCI 70+, 2005, trim:

LAGUNA, 1.9 dCi Dynamique 5dr, 2003, 1.9 dci dynamique 5dr diesel hatch, green, 18869 miles, £5295, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

SCENIC. EXPRESSION 1.6. 2004. trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmissi manual no. of doors: 5, flame red, 38000 miles, £6699, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

SMART

CITY-CABRIOLET, 2003, insurance group 4 abs alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag front electric windows front fog lights immobiliser

FORTWO, pure 61, 2006, white black with grey, 19000 miles, £4995, IJM Motors, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

SMART, 0.6 Pulse Hatchback 3d 599cc Semi-Auto (2002), 04, triproni 6 speed fun and cheap car.s/history, cq, e/windows etc, black, 37,000 miles, £4444.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

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CELICA Vvti. 2006, red. 20000 miles. £11495, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

MR2, 2.0, 369461, full leather, nowe what, 2.0, 359461, full fleatilet, power steering, central locking, abs, air bag, electric windows, twin sunroofs, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, stereo, electric mirrors, uk supplied, 15" alloys, aluminiumsilverblack, 73000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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ANTARA, L 2.0 AU, gl07tnv, finished in slate blue with black interior, blue, 10000 miles, £15995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CORSA, CLUB 1.2, al07tni, finished in ultra blue with black interior, blue, 11000 miles, £7495, , Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

SIGNUM ELEGANCE, 2003, cd play alloy wheels central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering history check electric windows, star silver, 36500 miles, £6350, Pomphrey's of Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE) TIGRA, 2008, black sapphire, 0 mile £13495, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

VOLKSWAGEN

BEETLE, 2.0, Id02adu, finished in silver with interior, silver, 70000 r £4020, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

locking, immobiliser, power steering, air conditioning, cd player, cloth upholstery, head restraints, abs, air bag, colour coded body. electric windows, electric mirrors, stereo, 16" alloys, aluminium silver, 28000 miles, £5999, e 01622 200

TOURAN, 1.9 TDI PD S 90 5dr [7 Seat], 122624127, abs, air bags, traction control, cruise control, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, alloys reflex silver, 11709 miles, £11499. AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

TRANSPORTER, 717182, remot central locking, cloth upholstery, barn doors, side load door, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, abs, air bag, cd, gah equipment. grp insulation, white, 32000 miles, £13000, Clearways Commercials, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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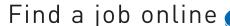
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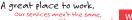
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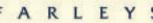
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Apprentices have the knowledge to go to top



TALENTED apprentices Michael Hamilton and Daniel Bruce (pictured above) came past 1,000 entrants to scoop first and second prize in an industry competition

Scoop first and second prize in an interpretation.

The service technicians, who work for Maidstone-based Iveco Main Dealer Haynes Trucks, took the top two places in the firm's network knowledge finals after sitting a ricorous two-hour examination.

sitting a rigorous two-hour examination. Iveco's customer service director Bob Lowden said: "The event has been running for 17 years and it has evolved into a format that provides a training, information and motivation platform for a wide range of customer service roles.

"The event is highly competitive and a great incentive for our network."

Haynes Trucks also has centres in Ashford and Canterbury.

Accountant puts faith in economy of region

TO cope with expansion, accountant Horwath Clark Whitehill (HCW) has moved to larger offices in Tunbridge Wells.

HCW employs more than 500 staff operating from a national network of offices including in premises at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

The Tunbridge Wells office is now in larger premises at Jaeger House in Clanricarde Gardens.

Partner Mark Anderson said: "Although there is doom and gloom in

Partner Mark Anderson said: "Although there is doom and gloom in some quarters, we are confident that the South East will continue to be the engine room of the British economy."

The firm has recently recruited a fourth corporate finance partner – Geert Struyven – and further plans are in place for recruitment over the next few months.

Invest more in staff employers told as many want to move

BY TONY PATEY

MORE than a quarter of employees in the South East don't have any motivation at work, research has found.

So bosses are being advised to look after their staff more.

Published by Investors in People UK, the organisation that works with companies to improve their productivity, and carried out by YouGov, the research found that 44 per cent of workers are considering taking action and leaving their job in the next 12 months.

Top reasons cited by employees who say they do not feel motivated – there were 27 per cent – were feeling underpaid (21 per cent) unreasonable workload (16 per cent) and lack of clear career path (15 per cent).

Clear career path (15 per cent).

Trish Fraser, managing director of Quality South East, which is the Investors in People Centre for the region, said: "Employees, however long they've worked in an organisation, want better support from their managers alongside clear and effective feedback on their performance.

performance.
"This support is vital when it comes to mapping out career paths and identifying relevant training and development.

"Without it, employees are likely to drift and depart rather than stay engaged with their organisation's objectives."

Almost half of employees in the region also claim their organisation has failed to continue supporting their career development beyond their initial induction period. And almost a quarter with line managers said they felt unsupported by them.



WORRYING PICTURE: Trish Fraser, managing director of Quality South East, says employees want more support from their managers and clear feedback so they can map out a career path and identify appropriate training

Nationally, the research revealed that those employees who have been in their job for one to two years are most likely to be considering leaving their job

leaving their job.

This group also cited the lack of a clear career path as the most de-motivating factor – greater than workload or pay.

Ms Fraser added: "This research reveals a worrying picture, not only because such a significant proportion of employees in the South East are de-motivated, but because it suggests that valuable employees may be heading for the door.

"We hope this research will act as a reminder to the region's employers, ensuring they stay alert to the signs of employee demotivation and take action to address it.

"Those that don't are genuinely at risk of losing some valuable talent and, of course, experience."

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Second best despite competitive knock

BROADSTAIRS 2nd XI suffered a narrow three-wicket loss to Tenterden at the weekend.

The Thanet side scored a competitive 232-8 from their allotted 50 overs after Steve Bessant's 4-46.

However, Neil Hall's excellent 143 not

However, Neil Hall's excellent 143 not out saw Tenterden home as the Ashfordbased side closed on 234-7 with 3.1 overs to spare to claim maximum points for batting second.

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Alan Bracken of the Medway Dragons on the success of the rugby league side

Sting in the tail as Narraway and Kidd stand firm

CHRIS Kidd and Liam Narraway put on an unbroken stand of 47 for the final Broadstairs wicket to deny Tenterden victory on Saturday.

Tenterden amassed 240-7 from their allotted 50 overs after openers Tim Curteis and Christopher Vernon put on 107 for the first wicket.

Curteis was the first to go after scoring 54 but there were more woes for Broadstairs as Ben Daking and Vernon put on 74 for the second wicket to put their side in a commanding position.

Vernon fell eight short of a deserved

Vernon fell eight short of a deserved century as Broadstairs picked up a cluster of wickets to keep the score respectable. Brothers Liam (2-47) and

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

Scott Narraway (3-28) were the wicket takers.

In response, the Broadstairs innings didn't get off to the best of starts as opener Andrew Bailey departed with just two runs on the board.

It was soon 33-2 as David Cooper was trapped in front for 12. Ben Futter scored a patient 32 and Scott Narraway 27, but Tamir Chanda's 5-46 looked to have won the game for Tenterden.

However, Kidd's 20 not out and Liam Narraway's 21 not out ensured Broadstairs held on for a losing draw.



WELL BOWLED: Tenterden's bowlers kept the Broadstairs batsmen quiet

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

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k Brann	5	0	24	1	Mark Brann	5	0	24	1
ir Chanda	13	4	46	5	Timir Chanda	13	4	46	5
tair Neale	10	1	34	2	Alistair Neale	10	1		2
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LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 2 B

Deal Victoria & Barns Close CC – 2nd XI v Westgate-on-Sea CC- 2nd XI

A SUPERB 115 not out by Nick Francis laid the foundation for Deal Vic's imposing total of 319-6. Francis was ably supported by Andy Miller (44) and Zack Foulds (41) before John Cunningham destroyed the bowling with a hard hitting 64 not out from the last eight overs. In reply, Westgate never got going and reached the halfway stage still needing 240 from 23 overs to win. Ian Jones scored 50 but it was not enough as Cunningham claimed four wickets in four balls as the home side won by 174 runs.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close

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Paul Miller				
Andrew Miller				
Nick Francis				
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Ben Smith	dia no	L Ddl		
Tom Killip	did no	t hat		
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Bowlers				
Andrew Welferd	0	M	R	W
Andrew Watford Lee Martin	10 8	3	46 43	2
Lee Martin Rick Sadler	5	0	43 39	0
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Stephen Winch	6	0	74	0
Jack Newman	5	0	48	0
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KENT LEAGUE PREMIER 2ND XI

Sandwich Town CC - 2nd XI v Bexley 2nd XI

SANDWICH were bowled all out for a paltry 130 as they were beaten by six wickets as Bexley cantered to victory

with a full 273 overs to spare.

Only Tom Chapman (41) hung around for long enough as
Bexley's bowlers bowled a tight and naggingly accurate line
for restrict the Sandwich batsmen.

Colin Aldred snared three batsmen in Bexley's reply but a fluent 45 from David Pask at the top of the away side's innings set the tone and Sandeep Bains (49 not out) saw his team home in the 23rd over.

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Sandwich Town David Scoggins Vishaul Singh

Daniel Burgess	ct Pin	mock b Russ	sell	0
Dean Scoggins				
Tom Chapman				
Paul Goatham				
Alan Amos				
Daniel Evans				
Liam Evans	not o	ut		ll
Connor Summers				
Colin Aldred	b Wa	rwick		4
Extras (1lb 3w 1nb) 5				
Total (all out, 31.3 overs)			130
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Joe Russell	6	0	32	2
Peter Roser	8	2	24	2
Sandeen Bains	5	0	32	1
Tom Warwick	8.3	i	29	3
Yavar Khan	4	ī	12	2
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David Pask	0 ± b	Aldred		
Murtaza Abbas				
Sandeep Bains	run ou	ıt		40
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John Olufawo				
Alex Pinnock				
Yavar Khan				
Peter Roser				
Chris Pinnock				
Joe Russell				
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Extras (4b 1lb 1w) 6				120
Total (4 wickets, 22.3 ov	rers)			132
Bowlers				
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Bendal Brown	5	2 NI	к 17	0
Daniel Evans				
Alan Amos	3	0	24	0
Liam Evans	3	1	20	0
Colin Aldred	6.3	0	28	3
Vishaul Singh	2	0	12	0
Connor Summers	3	0	26	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1 E

St Margaret's CC - 1st XI v Nelson CC - 1st XI

NELSON were bowled out for 111 as five batsmen regis tered ducks at St Margaret's on Saturday.

Only Kartik Bhudia put up any great resistance with a knock of 44 before he became one of three wickets for Mathy Towors.

The home side scored a competitive 184-9 from 46 overs thanks largely to 69 from Toby Kember in the middle of the innings. James Shoobridge was miserly with the ball, taking 3-17 from his 12 overs. However, Nelson's poor batting total meant they were defeated on the day by 73 runs.

ct Tift b Shoobridge

St Margaret's

Scott Blackman				
Dale King	b S	hoobridge .		2
Aaron Powell	run	out		4
Ritchie Hulks		alton		26
Daniel Kennett	ct J	oyner b Sho	obridge	0
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Lloyd King	ct V	lalton b Brid	lgland	17
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Nelson				
				Runs
Dave Walton	b Dar	iel Kennett		6
Tift	c+b K	ennett		14
James Bridgland	ct Kin	g b Kennett		16
Kartik Bhudia	st Kin	a b Towers		44
Zeeshan Sheikh	lbw b	Daniel Kenn	ett	0
Rob Haddock	lbw b	Ritchie Hulk	s	0
Mark Cowper	ct Boy	wley b Hulks		14
Paul Joyner	st Kin	a b Towers		0
Chris Hayre				
Adam Cartland	ct Kin	g b Towers		0
James Shoobridge				
Extras (3lb 8w 5nb) 16				
Total (all out, 39.3 overs) .				111
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Daniel Kennett	10	3	31	4
Aaron Powell	7	2	20	0
Ritchie Hulks	12	3	27	2
Lloyd King	5	2	10	0
Market Townson	E 2	0	20	2

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Hartley Country Club CC – 1st XI vs Sandwich Town CC – 1st XI

SANDWICH slumped to a seven-wicket defeat against Hartley as they failed to build partnerships. Eight Sandwich batsmen reached double figures but none of them went on to score a half century and with Kevin Beaumont top-scoring with 27, the visitors were all out for

In reply Chris Hodgson quickly removed James Hockley for 15. Craig Spanton then sent Matt Stiller back to the pavilion and Hodgson got David Thompson to leave Hartley on 38-3, but that was as good as it got for Sandwich, who lost with 19 overs to spare.

ct Stiller b Thompson

Sandwich Michael Beaumont

David Draper +	ct Sti	ller b Thomp	son	19
Leon Johnson				
Rhys Jones				
Craig Snell				
Gary Burgess	ct Pat	el b Carter		22
James Bolt				
Robert Goatham	Not o	ut		21
Craig Spanton *	c&b 0	arter		9
Chris Hodgson	Run o	ut		10
Extras (6lb lw lnb) 8				
Total (all out, 49.4 overs)				152
Bowlers				
Dowlers	0	М	R	w
Tutt	3	4	29	3
Carter	9	0	27	2
Thompson	134	2	52	4
Coles	7	1	20	0
Thompson	2	Ů	8	0
Redwood	5	0	10	0
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Hartley Country	Club			Runs
James Hockley	ct Bol	t h Hodason		15
David Thompson *	ct Jol	nson b Hode	15011	8
Matt Stiller +	ct Dra	ner b Spant	on	4
James Thompson				
Matthew Coles	not or	ıt		83
Daniel Redwood				
Min Patel				
Richard Slatem				
Andrew Tutt	did no	ot bat		
Lewis Hickford				
Darrell Carter	did no	ot bat		
Extras (5b 9lb 4w 1nb) 19		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Total (3 wickets, 31 overs)				153
James (5 moneto, 51 overs)				133
Bowlers				
DOMIELS			ь.	187

Ashby's pledge to isle's youngsters

NEW Margate manager Barry Ashby is looking to develop young talent in Thanet as the club looks to build foundations to work its way back to the Conference.

Ashby teams up with former Gillingham captain Paul Smith, who will be his player/coach, while Neville Southall is the club's new football development officer.

Ashby told Yourthanet shortly after his appointment that the club will be taking a slightly different direction this season.
He said: "I am absolutely

He said: "I am absolutely chuffed to be given an opportunity to work with a club with such a good reputation in non-league football.

"I am looking forward to working with the new squad and I am dealing with that as we speak.

"Players such as James Pinnock, Jay Saunders, Jimmy Jackson and Steve McKimm have been brilliant for this club but, unfortunately, we have to go a new way.

"The budget will not be as much as last year but the club will be

Boardroom shuffle as

director Page returns

FOOTBALL

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looking at bringing in the right young players from Thanet, mixed with experienced heads like Paul Smith.

"The feedback I have got is that we need to be giving young people from Thanet a chance and that is what we will be doing. Hopefully we will unearth a few gems that way. For four or five years now, youngsters have not had a chance to play at Margate so we want to try and get back to that."

The new management team are

The new management team are looking to develop the club's crop of young players as well as those playing in Sunday league football across the isle.

Ashby admits it will be tough, but is aiming high ahead of the new campaign.

"Our targets will be to finish as high as we can. If we finish top I will be ecstatic, if we finish in the play-offs I will be really happy, and if we finish mid-table but have used lots of good young players that have given their all, that will be something."



ON THE BALL: Margate manager Barry Ashby, above, aims to blend the experience of old heads such as fellow ex-Gills player Paul Smith with promising Thanet youngsters

Rams captain Schulz signs one-year deal

FOOTBALL

WHILE Margate look to have addressed their precarious position on the field, behind the scenes it is still very much a club in turmoil.

The Thanet club announced former Gillingham and Barnet defender Barry Ashby would succeed Robin Trott last week, for his first stint in management.

However, it is issues off the field that have been dominating the news, with supporters being forced to speculate as to what is happening at Hartsdown Park.

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After owner Keith Piper and
Colin Page resigned from the
board two weeks ago, Margate
were effectively left without any
members of the board when the
remaining three — chairman
Malcolm Rowlett, Alan Bown and
Terry Painter — left last week.
A statement read: "The club

A statement read: "The club has wasted two years spending money it does not have attempting to return to the Football Conference and must now restructure its foundations.

"With the delivery of the new years."

"With the delivery of the new stadium close, we must build a team who will remain with us and be good enough to progress through the league"

through the leagues."
As a result, Page has now



TURMOIL: Colin Page hopes to form a new board at Margate FC

returned to the club with the directive of forming a new board. He said: "We would have

He said: "We would have announced the management team a month ago if there had not been the boardroom tussle. We had him [Ashby] in line to take over a month ago.

"I have been involved with the club for 20 years and I have never known unrest in the boardroom like there was in the last two months and that is why I had to go.

to go.
"The other three resigned on Wednesday, so I have come back as director to form a new board to get this club back in the Conference, that is the objective."

FOOTBALL

RAMSGATE captain Warren Schulz will not be following his brother Olly out of the Thanet club, after putting pen to paper on a new one-year deal to keep him at the Southwood Stadium.

The diminutive midfielder was an integral part of Jim Ward's side during the last campaign and was the first captain of a Kent club to lift the Ryman League Cup.

The 29-year-old joined the club along with brother Olly, who has now moved on to Kent rivals Dover Athletic, after having been watched playing Sunday league football

He has been joined in signing a new deal by industrious midfield partner Ben Laslett.

The 24-year-old midfielder joined the Rams in 2005 from Sittingbourne and played in the back-to-back promotion winning sides.

He was an important part of Ward's midfield last season and the Rams boss will be looking for much the same ahead of the new campaign from his young central midfielder:

Ward has also signed another midfielder in the shape of Brett Kinch, who he had been watch-



GAME ON: Skipper Warren Schulz has signed a new deal with Ramsgate

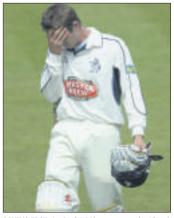
ing playing Sunday league football.

He will hope he is in the mould

He will hope he is in the mould of Sam Jones who was seen playing for Albion Athletic in the Thanet District Sunday League and went on to make the Ramsgate first team before following Olly Schulz and Dean Hill to Dover.

Kinch is Ward's fifth signing of the summer so far, after he captured Steven Lloyd, Ben Brown, Jack Delo and Mo Takaloo ahead of the new campaign. yourthanet

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SAVING FACE: Joe Denly's 149 was a career best knock

Ecstasy and agony for run hero Denly

JOE Denly's heroic 149 on the last day of the county championship clash with Somerset proved in vain as Kent's unbeaten run of six games came to a disappointing end.

The 22-year-old played heroically in a career-best knock to ensure Kent had a chance of overhauling the 270 needed for victory after seeing his team slump to 176-9.

However, Denly put on a stand of 74 with Martin Saggers until the Whitstable youngster was trapped lbw by Charl Willoughby as Kent fell short by an agonising 20 runs.

Kent had been in a dominating position on the first day after dismissing Somerset for 208 on a good track at Tunbridge Wells, after Ryan McLaren recorded figures of 5-31 and Robbie Joseph 4-67.

Despite Martin van Jaarsveld's 95, Kent took only a 65-run lead from their first innings. Former England opening batsman Marcus Trescothick made them pay with a stylish knock of 139 and Ian Blackwell's 61 further dented Kent's chances.

McLaren finished with figures of 3-59 and James Tredwell's three wickets cost 101 as Somerset, who were bottom of the county championship, were eventually all out for

Denly and captain Robert Key set off like a train, putting on 51 for the first wicket. However, Willoughby and Ben Phillips pegged them back to leave Kent on 67-3. Wickets continued to tumble, but Denly

Wickets continued to tumble, but Denly remained patient and scored his first ton of the summer. His 233-ball innings, which included 21 fours and two sixes, was finally ended to earn Somerset their first championshin win





Kent chief executive Paul Millman talks about Tunbridge Wells cricket festival

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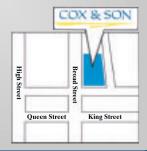


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